

Palestinians clash with soldiers in occupied territories

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Sept. 28, (UPI): Soldiers clashed with Palestinians for the sixth straight day today after Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin defended mounting casualties in the Israeli-occupied territories as a way to halt the violence.

In the Gaza Strip, Palestinians protested the high number of wounded in the occupied territories since Friday—at least 150 shot and wounded, six killed and two who died from wounds suffered earlier, Palestinian sources said. UN relief officials and Palestinian sources blamed most of the casualties on the military's use of plastic bullets.

Palestinian sources said more than 20 Arabs were wounded in the Gaza Strip today, but many of the injured were afraid to go to hospitals for treatment because they feared arrest by the Army. The Army denied the high casualty figure.

Shot
"It's not true," an Army spokeswoman said. Soldiers shot and wounded only one Palestinian during violence today, she said.

Rabin told reporters yesterday that the purpose of the Army's introduction of plastic bullets in the West Bank and Gaza Strip

was to wound Palestinians in an effort to crush the nearly 10-month-old Palestinian uprising. Rabin said the firing of plastic bullets was not aimed at killing Palestinians.

Shortly after Rabin's comments, the Army confirmed that soldiers had shot and killed Osama Braika, 17, in the Gaza Strip yesterday with the new ammunition.

It was the first confirmation by the military of a Palestinian killed by plastic bullets. Palestinian and hospital sources say at least one other Arab has died from the bullets.

At least two other Palestinians

died from Army gunfire yesterday, one who was wounded on Monday and the other killed yesterday in clashes in Gaza.

The Army clamped curfews late yesterday on at least four Gaza Strip refugee camps, where more than 128,000 Palestinians live. But residents defied the curfews, Palestinian sources said.

Also in the Gaza Strip, Palestinians mourned the death of former Gaza city mayor Rashad Shawwa, 79, who died yesterday of a heart attack. The former Jordanian mayor was twice removed from his post by Israeli authorities for nationalistic activities.

Nobel season begins today with announcement of peace prize

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Sept. 28, (Agencies): The 1988 Nobel season begins tomorrow with the announcement of the peace prize, the world's most coveted public service award. None of the awarding committees has given a hint of who the winners might be for the 2.5-million-kronor (\$390,000) prize.

Possible candidates include the head of the International Soccer Federation, Joao Havelange of Brazil, US President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, and the United Nations Peacekeeping Forces in Lebanon.

The peace prize is announced in Oslo, Norway, while the other prizes are announced in Stockholm, as stipulated in the 1896 will of Alfred Nobel, whose fortune was built on his invention of dynamite.

Created
The Karolinska Institute Nobel assembly is to announce the medicine prize on Oct. 17. The next day, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences names the Nobel memorial prize in economic science, created by the Bank of Sweden in 1968 to complement the five prizes funded by Nobel's estate.

The winners of the physics and the chemistry prizes will be

announced by the Science Academy on Oct. 19.

The Swedish Academy, which awards the literature prize, does not give a date in advance, but by tradition it announces its winner at exactly 1 pm on a Thursday in September or October.

The Nobel committee in Oslo, a five-member body elected by the Norwegian Parliament, has said 97 individuals and organisations were candidates for the peace prize this year.

Last year, it awarded the prize to President Oscar Arias of Costa Rica for his Central American peace plan.

The committee reveals no names on its list. But sometimes those entitled to nominate candidates make their choices public.

Norwegian television reported the short list for the 1988 prize included jailed African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela of South Africa, the UNIFIL forces in Lebanon and the World Health Organisation, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary.

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar—who helped arrange a Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan, a ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war and progress in talks over southern Africa—is

not on the list, said Norwegian Nobel committee chairman Egil Aarvik.

But the Nobel committee could still reward the United Nations by choosing Diego Cordovez of Ecuador, a key UN mediator.

West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher has said he nominated Perez de Cuellar for the 1989 prize.

Finland's Parliament nominated Reigand and Gorbachev for their agreement last December to eliminate intermediate-range nuclear missiles.

Others reportedly nominated were Terry Waite, the Church of England emissary who tried to negotiate the release of kidnapped westerners in Lebanon and is now a hostage himself, the Greenpeace environmental organisation and Mordechai Vanunu, the Israeli nuclear technician who disclosed national secrets and was later tried for treason.

Nobel prizes over the next few years could be boosted following dramatic profits gained by the foundation in real estate and the stock market dealings.

However this year's laureates, about to be named, will not benefit from the surge in profits of the Nobel foundation.

US House votes for sanctions against Iraq

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28, (AP): The House overwhelmingly approved legislation yesterday imposing sanctions against Iraq for alleged chemical weapons attacks on its Kurdish minority.

The vote was 388-16. Under terms of the House legislation, an immediate ban would be imposed on the export of Iraq of weapons, sensitive high technology, and chemicals used in the production of chemical weapons.

If Iraq continues its reputed use of outlawed chemical weapons—the legislation states—the President would be authorised to impose further sanctions from a list included in the bill.

These include restricting the import of Iraqi petroleum, restricting US exports, including farm products, denying US financial credits and credit guarantees, downgrading diplomatic relations and opposing loans to Iraq by international lending institutions.

The legislation goes to conference with the Senate, the second chamber of the US Congress, which passed a far more punitive sanctions bill earlier in the month.

The Reagan administration opposes both the House and Senate versions of the legislation, saying sanctions "would not bring us closer" to the goal of ending Iraq's use of chemical weapons.

In debate on Monday evening, some members said sanctions would be counterproductive and hurt US business interests.

Rocket attack on Kabul kills 35

MOSCOW, Sept. 28, (Reuters): Thirty-five people were killed and more than 150 injured when a rocket landed in a central square in Kabul today during a rebel missile attack on the Afghan capital, the Soviet news agency Tass reported.

"In the course of one hour, 21 surface-to-surface missiles were fired at Kabul. One of them, exploding in a central square close to the bus station, took the lives of 35 people and injured 156 peaceful citizens," Tass said.

According to the report, seven people were injured elsewhere in the city during the attack. Tass said the "armed opposition" had also fired rockets at administrative centres in the provinces of Ghazni, Lagman, Nanghar, Balkh, Paktia, Farman and around the eastern garrison town of Khost over the past two days.

Arabs studying plans to counter Israeli satellite

RIYADH, Sept. 28, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia's Defence Minister Prince Sultan said in remarks published today that Arab states were studying plans to counter Israel's new satellite.

"Studies are underway between the Arab states on that issue... if there is any action against the Arabs then we must respond," Okaz newspaper quoted the prince as saying.

Israel last week launched its first satellite, saying it was an experimental communications project. Western experts said its main mission would be to spy on the Arabs.

King Hussein

AMMAN, Sept. 28, (Reuters): Jordan's King Hussein discussed military co-operation today with visiting French armed forces Chief of Staff Gilbert Horry, an embassy official said.

The official told Reuters the talks touched on Jordan's order of French Mirage 2000 military aircraft, announced in February and signed on July 13.

The contract to supply 20 Mirage 2000s is reported to have been split into two stages with 12 aircraft to be delivered initially.

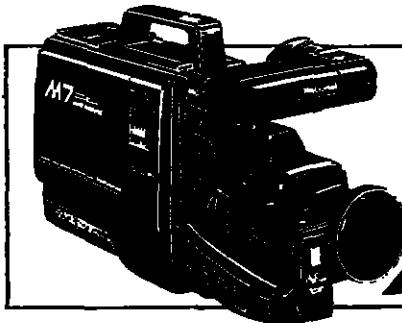


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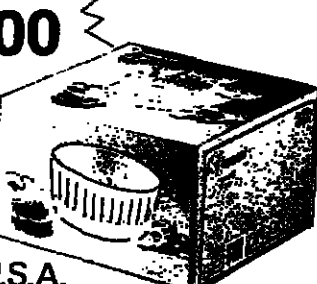
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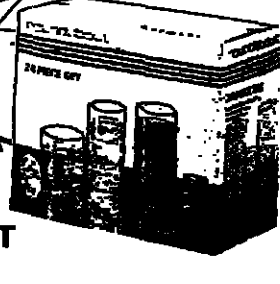
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Ice cubes from Alaska selling like hot cakes in Japan

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Sept. 28, (UPI) — Ice cubes made from Alaska icebergs are selling like hotcakes in Japan, where they are considered "romantic," but plans to chop up bergs in one of the state's most scenic bays are getting the cold shoulder.

State officials are considering the latest proposal, and most of the two dozen responses handed in by Monday's deadline opposed plans by Afognak Logging of Seward to pluck 500,000 pounds (227 tons) of ice out of Aialik Bay, about 100 miles (160 km) south of Anchorage, where icebergs regularly break off from several glaciers.

The state, which has legal jurisdiction over water use in and around Alaska, decided it had jurisdiction over icebergs when assistant attorney-general Michael Frank ruled, in effect, that ice is water.

Because of that ruling Afognak Logging needs a state water appropriation permit to "harvest" icebergs from near-shore waters.

Touted for its ancient, crackling, pure freshness, "glacier ice" had a real romantic ring to it in Japan," said Albert Schafer, president of Afognak Logging, which is no longer in the logging business but is eager to put its idle equipment to work hauling icebergs.

In July Schafer sent his barge, equipped with a 45-foot (14-m) crane, to get ice for a test shipment to Japan. That launched plans for a full-time glacier ice business in Aialik Bay, near Seward, and Icy Bay, 300 miles (480 km) east.

Two other Alaska companies have run successful ice-gathering operations, selling glacial, cocktail cubes in Asia and several American states, but Schafer's proposal has stirred up the most opposition.

Opponents include tour boat operators, environmentalists, fishermen, kayakers, the national marine fisheries service, which protects sea mammals, and the national park service, manager of the surrounding Kenai Fjords national park.

Pakistan warned against arming rebels

Soviets halt Afghan pullout

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 28, (AP) — Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze says the withdrawal of Red Army troops from Afghanistan has been suspended because of persistent violations of a UN-negotiated agreement.

Also, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev told the United States and Pakistan to "come to their senses" and stop arming the guerrillas fighting the communist Afghan government.

the violations that take place. It is the most important thing."

In a speech to the General Assembly earlier, he asked the five members of the UN Security Council to discuss violations of the withdrawal agreement with Afghanistan and Pakistan.

"As soon as Soviet troops began to withdraw, a non-stop production line of violations was set in motion," said Shevardnadze.

He did not name Pakistan, but the Soviet Union has filed numerous complaints with the United Nations complaining that Pakistan is allowing US-backed guerrillas to launch raids into Afghanistan from bases on its soil.

But he said the United States does not recognise the Afghan government and would not invite it to join the meeting.

He said the Afghan government should stop violating Pakistan's air space with war-plane overflights and air raids on guerrilla camps.

Terrorism

Pakistan's Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan said that since April 14, Afghanistan has violated the accords with air raids and terrorism.

He told the General Assembly Tuesday that the Afghan Air Force has launched 387 air and ground violations of Pakistani territory, causing 40 deaths and injuring 114 people.

He also accused Afghanistan of sponsoring terrorism in Pakistan, saying Afghan agents mounted 259 attacks in 1987, killing 264 people and wounding 1,069. Since the Afghan accords, there have almost 70 more terrorist attacks, killing 74 people and injuring 55, he said.

Wait

In remarks reported by the official Tass news agency, Gorbachev said Pakistan was trying to install leaders in neighbouring Afghanistan to its own liking despite the wishes of the Afghan people.

At the United Nations, Shevardnadze said the Soviets have not yet begun the second stage of their withdrawal from Afghanistan. Half a Soviet force of more than 100,000 troops had pulled out by Aug 15.

"Let's wait and see," he told reporters. "It is necessary to stop

Burmese rebels kill government troops

BANGKOK, Sept. 28, (Reuters) — Burmese rebel groups, striking as Burma's Army occupies cities to suppress a national revolt, have killed 49 government troops in frontier areas, the state radio said.

Rangoon Radio said last night guerrillas of the outlawed Burma Communist Party had driven Army soldiers from three hill outposts in Mong Yang, killing 44 Army soldiers and wounding 92.

against 26 years of military-dominated rule.

One day after the coup BCP radio said the BCP and the National Democratic Front, a grouping of 10 ethnic minority guerrilla groups to which it is allied, would "step up armed revolutionary activities against the Burmese Armed Forces to help the Burmese people."

It called the Army takeover "a threat to the democratic aspirations of the Burmese people that must be fought with all determination."

Mong Yang is a valley town near the Chinese border about 560 km northeast of Rangoon amid hills that are home to about 1,000 ethnic Shan guerrillas allied to the BCP.

Rangoon Radio said 36 communist troops had been killed since Sept 14.

Hlaingbwe, 88 km east of Rangoon, is crucial for control of lucrative smuggling routes. The guerrillas overran a military base outside the town, the state radio said.

Shawa dies of heart attack

GAZA, Sept. 28, (Reuters) — Rashad Al Shawa, Palestinian mayor of Gaza for 11 years until deposed by Israel in 1982, died at home yesterday of a heart attack, his family said. He was 79.

Shawa, a member of Jordanian King Hussein's Hashemite clan, was involved in Arab politics for 40 years.

He was regarded by Israelis and Palestinians as the senior pro-Jordanian "father figure" in the Gaza Strip, home to 650,000 Palestinians living under Israeli rule.

But his role was diminished in the territories by Jordan's loss of popular support to the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), and a younger, more revolutionary Palestinian generation regarded him as out of touch.

Shawa, appointed mayor by Israel in 1971, was deposed in 1982 for failing to cooperate with Israeli rule. His local influence remained strong largely because of his chairmanship of the Gaza benevolent society that dispensed Jordanian funds.

Hirohito's temperature jumps again

TOKYO, Sept. 28, (AP) — Emperor Hirohito's temperature jumped again today, leading to concern that antibiotics were not controlling an internal infection, and doctors gave the 87-year-old monarch another blood transfusion.

Imperial Household Agency officials said the world's longest-

reigning monarch again discharged a small amount of blood today, a sign his internal bleeding was continuing.

After nearly two days of stable readings, Hirohito's temperature at mid-afternoon rose to 37.8 degrees Celsius (100 Fahrenheit), up from 36.9 Celsius (98.4 Fahrenheit) in the mor-

ning, they said. The emperor's normal temperature is about 35.5 Celsius (95.9 Fahrenheit).

Doctors said they gave Hirohito another transfusion this morning. Earlier in the day, they said they had no plans for another transfusion.

The transfusion brought the total amount of blood given to

Hirohito to 3,200 ccs (6.8 pints) since he began vomiting blood on Sept. 19.

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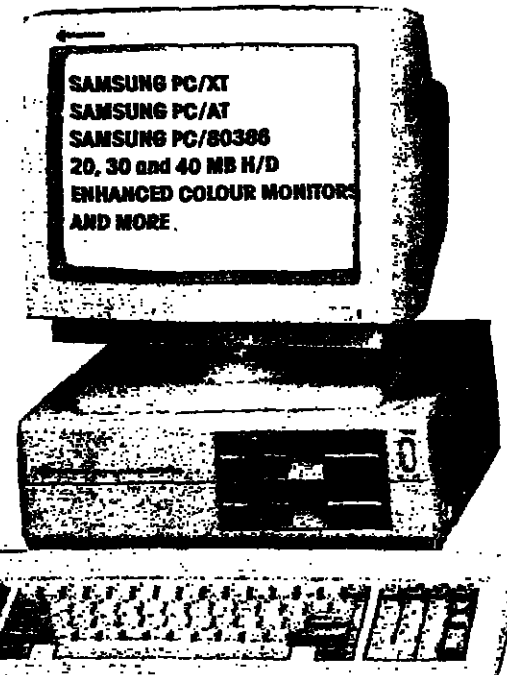
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Amir vows Islamic countries will continue peace efforts

UNITED NATIONS, Sept 28, (KUNA): HH the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah said here yesterday that the Islamic countries will continue their efforts to bring about a peaceful settlement of the Iran-Iraq conflict.

He also called on the Islamic countries to spare no effort in exposing the terrorism that is being exercised by the Zionist entity against the Palestinians who have been waging the uprising for the last 10 months.

The Amir made these and other comments during a major address to the foreign ministers and heads of delegations representing the 46 Islamic countries who are attending the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Speaking in his capacity as the president of the fifth session of the Islamic Conference, the Amir also outlined Kuwait's efforts to promote four Islamic projects of great importance to the Islamic countries.

He noted that the Islamic countries at the meeting constitute one-third of the members of the United Nations.

"The existence of the Islamic Conference is a major accomplishment. It is a major platform between the Islamic countries. The Islamic Conference was founded on the principles of respect for each country's independence and the choice of each

country's own way of life," he said.

"At the same time, it opens the way for internal co-operation between Muslims and between them and the rest of the world," he said.

Reaffirm

The Amir emphasised that ever since Kuwait assumed the chairmanship of the Islamic Conference in January 1987, no effort has been spared to reaffirm the existence and effectiveness of the organisation.

He recalled that Kuwait hosted a meeting of the Islamic Conference Secretariat and the heads of the various committees in April 1988 to review all the accomplishments since the Fifth Islamic Conference and especially the implementation of the summit resolutions.

The Amir also offered his condolences for the loss of one of the pillars of the Islamic Conference, the late President Zia-ul-Haq of Pakistan, who was killed earlier this year.

Co-operation between the Islamic countries went beyond organisational matters, the Amir said.

He referred specifically to some of the humanitarian actions taken by the Islamic countries to aid fellow Muslims who have been hit by natural catastrophes such as floods and droughts over the last year.

"Such aid is an Islamic duty," Sheikh Jaber emphasised.

On another front, the Amir noted the Islamic countries also worked to end the Iran-Iraq war "and thank God that our efforts have produced positive results."

"But the fruits of these efforts need patience and support," the Amir emphasised, "if peace on the basis of justice and good-neighbourliness is to be achieved."

He added, "We know that the road to peace is long and faces obstacles. But we have no choice but to be patient and to support the good intentions, and to remove these obstacles."

Iraq and Iran have opted for peace, Sheikh Jaber asserted, "and let us all assist them and support them (in this effort)."

Sources close to the closed-door meeting noted that the Iranian delegate Hassan Zamani and the Iraqi delegate Ismat Kittani were sitting next to each other.

Uprising

Referring to the Palestinian uprising, now in its 10th month, the Amir said:

"Palestine, in its courageous struggle and its firm rights, is facing the storms of Israeli terrorism. But admiration alone is not sufficient. In all the international platforms, we have to voice our support for justice which is being echoed by the (Palestinian) youth, women, and children, and we must bolster their effort."

In his address, the Amir also

reviewed some major international events.

He mentioned specifically the meetings between US President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Projects

The Amir then outlined briefly four major projects that Kuwait has undertaken as its own contribution to the Islamic World.

These include: — An Arabic dictionary for the Holy Quran — the first of its kind — which deals with the legal, historic, and other aspects of Islamic issues. The project is being carried out by the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science (KFAS). It will be translated to other languages when the project is completed.

— An atlas of Islamic services;

— A compendium on medicine, law and morals.

In a bid to foster closer contacts between the Islamic youth, Kuwait has taken the initiative to sponsor a major sports competition next spring that will include all the Islamic countries. The competition will be held in Kuwait.

The Amir received a standing ovation from the representatives of the Islamic Conference.

OIC's Secretary-General Sharifuddin Pirzada said the Amir's statement provided an "analysis and assessment of great value" to the membership of the Islamic Conference.

"I am confident that the guidance provided by Your Highness will serve the Islamic countries well during the deliberations of the 43rd session of the UN General Assembly as well as other international fora," he said.

"Your Highness's address has once again highlighted your determination to promote closer interaction and greater solidarity amongst the member states of the Islamic Conference as well as Your Highness's commitment to Islam and Islamic causes," he said.

Speaking on behalf of Jordan, Foreign Minister Taher Masri said that during the Amir's tenure, Muslims have seen the start of the settlement of many conflicts that brought tremendous suffering to the Nation of Islam.

The ceasefire between Iraq and Iran as well as the ongoing talks between the two countries, in addition to the accords reached on the settlement of the Afghanistan and Western Sahara questions "are all positive indications of a possible diffusion of some crises that trouble Muslims," Masri said.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Minister of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, Abdel Aziz Al-Dali also praised the speech by the Amir.

"The speech represented a valuable review of the issues of interest to OIC member states," he said.

Saudi rules out taxes on funds sent abroad

RIYADH, Sept 28, (Reuters): A top Saudi financial official was quoted today as ruling out taxes on funds sent out of the country by foreign individuals.

The Riyadh daily quoted Monetary Agency Governor Hamad Al Sayyari as saying that such taxes would not fit with Saudi economic policy, which is based on free capital movement.

Saudi Arabia proposed taxing expatriate incomes last January to widen its income base and help bridge.

Authorities will plant trees, grass at airport

THE Kuwait Civil Aviation Department in co-operation with other authorities, will soon start greening the International Airport surroundings.

In an exclusive statement, State Minister for Services Affairs Issa Al Mazidi told KUNA yesterday that the move is a response to HH the Amir's call for afforestation of the country.

He added that the greening project is part of an integrated plan to advance services at the airport. Establishment of a mul-

ti-floor airport car parking facility and expansion of airport's capacity to accommodate the heavy traffic have been approved.

Al Mazidi also discussed the possibility of reducing air insurance premiums by commercial airlines and airfreight companies following the ceasefire. Al Mazidi said he hopes that the companies involved will appreciate the current situation and reduce the high-cost insurance.

Amir hails US-Soviet accord on arms cut

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to express in stronger terms its condemnation of the Israeli atrocities against the Palestinians," he said.

The Amir also discussed the problem of terrorism and called on all nations "to work together and enforce proper and effective legislation against terrorism so that innocent human lives will not become a commodity, subject to bargaining under threat, blackmail or unjust commercial transactions."

"We, in Kuwait, are in the forefront of the community of nations to condemn terrorism," the Amir said.

"We have suffered from this plague and managed to withstand its evils with the help of Allah, the Almighty, and the solidarity of the Kuwaiti people."

"When a Kuwaiti civilian jetliner was hijacked last April, the international community rendered support to us, thus reinforcing our will and determination to weather that storm."

"We acknowledge that help with arms, ammunition and other military equipment is needed."

But the stressed that a clear line must be drawn between "oppressive terrorism pursued by individuals, groups and states, both in its explicit and covert forms, and the legitimate right to self and national defence as well as resistance of suppression and oppression as provided for in universal covenants and international law."

Describing the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as "remarkable achievement by the United Nations system, the Amir said, however, that "too often that product is tarnished by acts of aggression."

"Therefore, the declaration of human rights must be scrupulously preserved and protected by both the double power of conscience and the force of law," the Amir said.

Concluding his address, the Amir paid tribute to the General Assembly and the Security Council for all the resolutions and decisions adopted to reaffirm legitimate rights and to open doors for reconciliation and peace.

"To you, Mr President (of the General Assembly, Dante Caputo of Argentina), and to the secretary-general (of the UN) and his staff we would like to express our thanks and appreciation for all the efforts you made and continue to make in the interests of peace and in seeking settlement of conflicts and disputes by means of wisdom and dialogue," the Amir said.

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar hosted a dinner Tuesday night in honour of the Amir, at the secretary-general's residence.

In his remarks to the dignitaries, the Amir paid tribute to the secretary-general's peace-keeping role and his keen interest in the concerns of the Islamic world.



Kuwait's Minister of Defence Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed is shown leaving Kuwait International Airport yesterday for Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Sheikh Nawaf was accompanied by a delegation of senior military officials.

India calls for co-operation among non-aligned countries

By Jadranka Porter

INDIA has called for closer consultations among the non-aligned countries including the Gulf states to minimise the need by certain countries for support from the superpowers.

Alfred Gonsalves, Secretary of the Indian Foreign Ministry, said yesterday that the outlook for a fresh round of consultations has improved with the ceasefire in the Iraq-Iran war.

Speaking to the Arab Times during a stopover in Kuwait on his way to Baghdad, Gonsalves said India would like to intensify its co-operation with Kuwait to bring it up-to-date with the latest developments.

"We hope to have intense consultations on what structure is to be built in the region in the post-war period. The consultations should be based on the willingness to stand together and understanding that the dependence on external powers should be reduced," said Gonsalves.

Zone of peace

He said India would like to see the Gulf as a zone of peace where foreign navies are kept at a distance.

"Whatever the security concerns of the Gulf countries are, they will be happy to have a situation in which not only the need for the presence of big powers will be reduced but also their rivalry will be eliminated," said Gonsalves.

A fresh round of consultations within the Non-Aligned Movement could strengthen the role of the movement in the Gulf, he added.

Gonsalves said that many non-aligned countries are associated with one of the power blocs in a political or military sense, but that has not disqualified them from being members of the movement.

"By definition association with superpowers in the context of power rivalry should be enough to disqualify a country but this has not been strictly applied," said the Indian envoy.

Solidarity

Despite the differences among the member countries, the Non-Aligned Movement has maintained solidarity and is an important force on the international scene, said Gonsalves.

He said the movement is regrouping its strengths in view of the changes in the international situation. "We would like to think that we have contributed to the detente between the superpowers and we would like to see it continue," said Gonsalves.

At the foreign ministers conference of the Non-Aligned Movement in Nicosia early this month a committee of 21 foreign ministers was formed to chart a new course for the movement which appears to have been passed over when big powers made decisions of global and regional interest.

The new drive will centre on the movement's interest in being consulted on issues of nuclear and conventional arms disarmament. The non-aligned countries also resent that some regional conflicts were settled "behind our backs and at our expense," said Gonsalves.

The non-aligned countries would also like to help strengthen the role of the United

Nations as a mechanism for settling disputes and to promote the South-North co-operation.

Gonsalves said the non-aligned countries could be helpful in the conciliation process between Iraq and Iran, both of which are the movement members.

"They will heed the advice of their friends. Western powers have no monopoly on wisdom and influence," said the diplomat.

Gonsalves will attend today's meeting of the Indo-Iraqi joint commission in Baghdad.

India is well placed to take part in Iraq's reconstruction effort as its companies carried out construction work there throughout the war.

Projects

"India is the only country which maintained its project personnel in war-affected zones in Iraq," said Gonsalves.

He estimated India's current

participation on projects in Iraq at \$2,500 million, part of which Iraq pays in oil.

Gonsalves indicated that the arrangement under which Iraq can settle some of its payments in oil can extend to the post-war co-operation between the two countries.

India imports between 15 and 20 million tons of oil per year. Iraq's oil exports to India have varied between one and three million tons per year.

India is not in a position to offer Iraq soft credit terms for construction projects, but some credit will be available for purchases of commodities and equipment, the envoy said.

Gonsalves said the Indian workforce in the Gulf has been increasing. He said that during the recession when the Gulf states became cost-conscious, Indian equipment and expertise became increasingly competitive.

Stipend of students studying abroad may be increased

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah has agreed in principle to increase the monthly stipend of students studying abroad.

Officials said the increase will be compatible with the students' needs and their standard of living in the countries where they are being educated.

HH also agreed in principle to increase the allowances the students receive to buy the books and other tools of study. He directed that other needs of students be followed up during next month's meeting of the cultural attachés.

The agreement and directive of Sheikh Saad were voiced yesterday after a meeting with

Education Minister Anwar Abdullah Al Nouri and the Higher Education Minister Dr. Ali Abdulla Al Shamian.

In that meeting, HH discussed the situation and needs of the Kuwaiti students studying at universities and higher institutes abroad.

A memo to HH from the United States and Canada branch of the National Union of Kuwait Students in this connection during his recent visit to the United States was also discussed.

These directives are a natural continuation of the fatherly patronage HH the Amir and the Crown Prince bestow on the students.

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ARAB TIMES, THURSDAY-FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29-30, 1988

Adventurous Frenchmen 'run' across two continents

THERE is a shortage of food and mineral water in Iraq, according to three Frenchmen who recently ran through the country.

Pascal David, Michel Marguier and Jean-Benoit Jaouen arrived in Kuwait, via Basra, on Saturday, completing the first leg of their 9,600-mile running adventure across Europe and Asia to fulfil their "spirit of adventure".

They say food is scarce even in "big Iraqi cities" but there is a feeling of general well-being among the citizens. "Everyone believes the war is over," they said.

Why running?

They faced initial police suspicion in Iraq but were treated well after they explained the purpose of their visit.

"Everyone is kind to three odd men running on deserted roads in the countryside," they said.



L-R: Michel, Pascal and Jean-Benoit resting by a swimming pool at a local hotel.

Why running? "What better way to meet the common man?" they ask. "When we arrive in a fimsious, or fly in, we immediately put ourselves above the man on the street," they believe.

The trio started their journey

from Paris five months ago, running through France, Italy, Yugoslavia, Greece, Turkey and Iraq before arriving in Kuwait. They covered 4,800 miles.

"Everyone runs to create records; we are running to

please ourselves," they said. Michel, a graphic designer, David, a photographer and Jean, a computer programmer, are joined by a common link: a yearning for adventure in strange lands. So, with a few thousand dollars, they set out on their trip, spending a bulk — \$5,000 — so far.

Money
"Our only difficulty is money; it'll last us till we reach Kathmandu, Nepal, but after that we'll have to earn if we don't find a sponsor," they said. They are looking for a sponsor.

They run about 90 kms a day; their longest run was from Basra to Kuwait — a distance of 168 kms, which they covered in 24 hours. "There was no way we could spend the night in the desert," they said.

They fly to Bombay on Saturday and will take a boat to Goa, from where they will restart their journey to Macao, a

Portuguese colony, located on the southern coast of China, a distance of about 4,800 miles.

"We are not too happy about flying to India but we had no choice," said Michel. Originally, they had planned to run across Iran, the Soviet Union, China to reach Macao. The Gulf war dampened their spirits and the Soviet Union did not grant permission to run across their territory, so they decided to break their journey in Kuwait and resume it in Goa, India.

They plan to spend nearly two months in India and are gearing up for the "spicy food and hot weather" they expect to encounter.

From Macao, they hope to extend their trip to cover the Philippines and Australia. "We don't know if we'll continue our journey; it all depends on what happens after we reach Macao."

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TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.20 Hikayat Al Alamiya: Stories from Around the World
- 9.45 Binaat Al Dera: directed by Kan'an Hamed
- 10.00 Songs and Music
- 11.10 Islam al Insaan: religious programme
- 11.50 Duniya Midhak Mubki: "Mit'ab Afandi" Starring: Huda Sharawi, Mohammad Khair, Tawfiq Al Asha.
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.05 World News via Satellite
- 1.40 Fawazir Munasabat
- 2.15 Musical Interlude
- 2.30 Magic Show
- 3.00 Ahadith Maudhua: religious talk by Sheikh Salah Abu Ismael.
- 3.35 Heidi: cartoons
- 4.15 The Saint: featuring Roger Moore
- 5.00 Liqa Al Khamis: weekly roundup of local events
- 7.45 Documentary
- 8.30 Ma'at Islam: With Islam
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 10.00 Ala Min Natlaq Rases: Arabic feature film, featuring Suad Husni, Ezzat Alaili.
- 11.45 Thursday Night Variety Show
- 12.45 Agniya Mukhtara: variety show
- 1.30 News Summary
- 1.35 World News via Satellite/Holy Quran



Roger Moore

- 2.15 Hadith Deeni: weekly religious talk by Sheikh Mohammad Mutwalli Sharawi
- 3.00 Heidi: cartoons
- 4.00 Arees Bil Karima: Arabic play, featuring Mohammad Rida, Nabila Sayyad, Wahid Saif, Maha Othman.
- 6.15 Songs and Music
- 7.30 Faces and Events: last episode.
- 8.15 KTV Programmes Preview
- 8.45 Hadith Al Usbooh: weekly talk on Islam
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.50 Wrestling
- 10.50 Ana Al Ab: Arabic play, featuring Abdul Munim Ibrahim, Saad Abdul Ghani, Safa Subhi, Majeda Hamada.
- 11.50 News Summary, followed by Holy Quran and Closedown.

KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Bionic Six: cartoon series
- 6.30 Sesame Street: scientific, educational and recreational programme for children.
- 7.30 Full House: "The Big Three O." It's Danny's birthday and the family plan a surprise party.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 Adderly: injured in an accident, Adderly is assigned to Misc. Affairs. In this week's episode, he follows the cause of

an official suspected of stealing confidential papers.

9.30 Married Dora: "The Millionaire's Club." Peter has to make a choice — to be with his family or earn more money.

10.00 The Hit Squad: laughs, fun and sneaky hidden camera backfire on the hit squad.

10.30 Late Night Movie: "Sparkling Cyanide." The case of two identical deaths baffles investigators. Thriller.

12.00 News summary/Magazine d'Actualite/ Closedown

FRIDAY

- 2.00 Holy Quran
- 2.10 Cartoons
- 2.30 Sports Studio: Olympics Coverage
- 6.00 Foo Fur: cartoons
- 6.30 Bay City Rollers Show: songs, music and a short story for children.
- 7.00 Walt Disney Film: "A Proud Bird from Shanghai." A look at a rare species which lives in China.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 Summer '88
- 8.40 The Twilight Zone: off-beat stories of unlikely happenings.
- 9.30 227: Sandra, Mary and Lester are embroiled in another light-hearted controversy.
- 10.00 Spectacular World of Guinness Records: David Frost presents more record holders: for cutting trees, painting, water-skiing and cruises across the shortest river in the world.
- 10.30 Tour of Duty: "Under Siege." Anderson and his men are under siege.
- 11.30 News summary/Magazine d'Actualite/ Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

WHAT'S ON

MUSIC

Kuwait Singers

SATURDAY/MONDAY: 7-30 pm: Rehearsals for the December concert; at Gulf English, Salwa. New members welcome. For enquiries call 3940770 ext. 56 or 5384873.

Country Western Musical SEPT. 29, 8 pm: KLT and ACT's annual Country Western Musical 7.30 pm, at KLT, Almadhi.

SEPT 30: matinee at 5 pm. For bookings, call 5727558; 5712033; 5620332.

Filipino Musical Festival SEPT 29: Thursday, Mabuhay Restaurant, 5-7 pm: Audition for the third annual Filipino music festival 88. Calling Filipino singers with good voice to join festival. For details-phone Albert Arriola - 5728000 ext. 6038; Suzette Vasallo - 245-5550 ext. 326.

East meets West OCT 6: IAC, 6.30 pm: "East meets West," a musical evening, by The Fams with Hindi, Punjabi, Malayalam, Tamil, Konkani, Bengali, Arabic and Western music. Lead vocalist: Susan Rego. For entry by pass, Tel: 2409250; 2439448, or IAC — 3904817.

German Speaking Cultural Association OCT 2: Old Fairlaks Room, Kuwait Hilton. After summer holiday, regular coffee mornings for ladies resume. First meeting on Sunday, 10 am. All German-speaking ladies, particularly newcomers, are welcome.

Swedish Ladies coffee afternoon OCT 4: 4 pm: Swedish Ladies coffee afternoon at the home of Kerstin Granander.

Danish Meeting OCT 5: 8 pm. Daniella starts social season with a bingo game

THEATRE

NATIA

SEPT 29/30: IAC, Funsites: 5.30 pm. National Art Theatre of Indians Abroad (NATIA) presents Indian dance festival. Folk and classical dances from different regions in India. Opening on Thursday; closing ceremony on Friday.

Konkani Drama OCT 7: IAC, Funsites, 4 pm:

Konkani drama entitled "Kim Vo Ximilr", written and directed by Cajetan De Sanvordem, Marcus Vaz. Xavier Gomes, featuring the Mendes Brothers. Entry passes available at Raja Stores.

Beagall Play OCT 27/28: 6.30 pm. Mousetrap Theatre. The Mou-

chuck Group, a Bangladeshi theatre company, presents "Ballav Purer Rukpasha," a fairy tale. For reservations phone A. Karim - 2627643; Dr. Hyder - 5625456; Heron - 4893424.

SOCIAL

Sounds Great party SEPT 29: Messilah Beach

Hotel, 8 pm: Sounds Great group's "Welcome back/Wel-

come to Kuwait" dance party. Music by Top Ranks and the

Juke Box band. Twist competition, and novelty prizes. For reservations and further details ring Ken Winston or Adolf 5740256/7; 5758870. New-

comers to Kuwait are particularly welcome.

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at the Gazelle club, TV Room. For reservations call Connie — 3715637; Lizzy - 3710478.

Video Workshop

OCT 5/10: Kuwait Players will hold two video workshops giving instruction and practice on their video system, used for recording stage productions; live editing console and sound mixing system. Members and newcomers welcome. Limited number of places. Tel: 5628227.

D'Assisi Association

OCT 7: Holy Family Cathedral, 8 am: D'Assisi Association's 8th annual thanksgiving mass. All ex-students are welcome. For details phone Augustine — 574-6754 after 6 pm or Henry — 3291909 (am).

Goan Fiesta 88

OCT 13: 8.30 pm, Messilah Beach Hotel, Hibiba Ballroom: Goan Fiesta 88 to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Young Goans Association. Music by the Stepping Stones and Hurricane Alley. For reservations phone Tom — 242-1454; Wilson - 241-6258; Tony - 398-5040; Almeida - 481-3740.

Fine Arts/Kapilku

OCT 22: SAS Hotel, The Tent, 6 pm: Kapilku and Flaxsik will celebrate their seventh anniversary. For details phone Edna - 653-4200; Florence - 243-9451; Jojo - 903-9593.

Colva Nite

OCT 27: 8.30 pm, MBH: Colva Nite with music by the Top Ranks. For details phone: 2434776; 2413884; 4310913; 5629141 (after 5 pm).

Halloween Party

OCT 31: Children's Halloween pool party at Messilah Beach. Fancy dress competition, pantomime fun and pool fun games. For reservations call the hotel ext. 739/751.

SPORTS

Tug-of-War Competition

OCT 21: United Goans Centre will hold tug-of-war competition. Competitors are requested to contact organisers on 21/10 at Al Soor Ground for entry forms.

Kuwait Nomads Rugby SUNDAY/TUESDAY: 7.15 pm:

Kuwait Nomads rugby players training; meet at the site of the Old Ground in Fintas. New members always welcome. For details ring Graham Adams - 484-1296; Andy Hopkins - 564-2599; Steve Hill - 531-8060.

PBAK Inter-club

bowling tournament

SEPT 29: 6.30 pm, 300 Club: Men's division: Hatid Ligaya vs Magnolia Ice Cream; Kay and Assoc. vs Satellite Co.; Phil Supreme vs. Ports Public Authority.

SEPT 30: 9.00 am, 300 Club: Women's Division Magnolia vs Boodai Aviation; Far East Rest vs Geds Kay & Asso.

Men's Division: 1 pm. Hatid Ligaya vs 300 Club; Far East Rest. vs. Qabandi Co.; Al Nageeb & Khattar vs. Magnolia.

Baseball

SEPT 30: Kuwait Little League will hold try-outs between 9 am and 11 am at the baseball ground, near Highway Patrol Dept., 6th Ring Road. All children between five and 15 years old are welcome. For details call Suleiman Sakheh - 5615157; Rose Navarro - 2650432.

Ahmad Kart Racing

SEPT 30: First race of 1988/89 season. Starts at 1.30 pm at the KOC kart track in Ahmadi. New members, social or driving, welcome. Spectators invited. For details Tel: Simon Lloyd - 3989876.

Windsurfing Regatta

OCT 7: MBH Windsurfing Regatta. Open to men, women and teams. Entry forms available from Marine Centre (Tel: 5753960); Qabandi Marine (Tel: 5730442); Sultan Centres (Tel: 4830570). For further details phone 5624111 ext. 751/739.

Boy's Own Club

OCT 22/23: Boy's Own Club will hold a seven-a-side one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday. Interested teams can contact Milagres 3967446 or Joe D'Souza 4813622.

KTV 1 to start morning transmission

THE Director of Kuwait Television Bader Al Mudhaf said Channel One will introduce breakfast TV from Saturday. KTV 1 earlier opened in the mornings only during the summer holidays.

Al Bader said morning transmission will become a daily feature on KTV 1, as part of an experiment to extend viewing hours.

KTV 1 will open from 9 am to 1 pm in the mornings and resume evening transmission from 4 pm in the evening, he said.

Gulf TV networks already broadcast in the mornings.

KTV 1 is also producing a new children's serial for showing in Ramadan. Al Tamam, directed by Salah Al Ouri and written by Mohammad Jaber replaces Min Kul. Balad Astourah (A Legend from Each Country).

Preparations are also underway for making several Arabic serials for showing during the coming months. These include dramas and comedy features.

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
My Lucky Stars
Starring: Jackie Chan, Sam Hung

Al Salmiya
Burglar
Starring: Whoopi Goldberg
Al Hamra
Jaws: The Revenge
Starring: Karen Young, Michael Kane

Drive-In
Khata Al Shaitan (Arabic)
Starring: Suhair Ramzi, Karim Mutawa, Mohammad Wafiq

Al Firdous
Bijlee aur Toofan (Hindi)
Starring: Hemant Birje, Sripadina, Kader Khan

Fahad Open-Air
Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak (Hindi)
Starring: Juhi Chawla, Aamir Khan

Al Fahadhel
Nepale Mehe (Bengali)
Al Jahra
Al Kamashah (Arabic)
Granada
Haunted Honeymoon
Sulaibikhat
Uppu (Malayalam)
Al Jeeb
Brahmachari (Hindi)
Ahmadi Drive-In
Surqat Nadam (Arabic)

FRIDAY

Al Jahra
Delta Force Commando
Granada
Dream Girl (Hindi)
Sulaibikhat
Hannah and Her Sisters
Al Jeeb
Ram aur Shyam (Hindi)
Starring: Dilip Kumar

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Al Jodar Pharmacy
Tunis St., Hawalli

Salmiya and Rumaitiya
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Zuhr 11.38
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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

AN obstinate man does not hold opinions, but they hold him — Alexander Pope, English poet (1688-1744).

One year after demonstrations

China moves to prevent protests

BEIJING. (Reuters): The scene outside the Jokhang temple in Lhasa appeared calm — pilgrims spun giant prayer wheels and prostrated themselves before the holiest shrine of Tibetan Buddhism.

According to recent visitors, the scene also included pedlars hawking jewellery, and scruffy children flying home-made kites. Inside the temple, monks studied and prayed.

One year after violent demonstrations against Chinese rule, official newspapers say Lhasa is "basically stable."

Tourists are back but only a few foreign reporters have been allowed in during the last year.

A foreign journalist who spent two weeks in Lhasa this month reported that the surface calm in this poor Himalayan region masks a tension that Tibetans and other locals said could erupt into more anti-Chinese protests.

Western diplomats who have toured Tibet in recent months agreed.

Freedom
October 1 is the anniversary of National Day, the birthday of the Communist Party's 1949 revolution. It will also mark one year since monks, pilgrims and Tibetan nationalists in Lhasa demanded freedom from "Chinese oppression."

The arrests of demonstrating monks last year enraged a mob, which attacked and destroyed a police station outside the Jokhang temple. Police responded by opening fire. Six people were killed, officials said, many more according to witnesses.

In March, a religious festival erupted into demonstrations and clashes with riot police. At least four people were killed, including one policeman. Official accounts said more than 300 people were injured. Hundreds of arrests followed.

Beijing says Tibet will never be independent and that it has been a part of China for centuries, a version of history hotly disputed by the Dalai Lama. Tibet's spiritual ruler who fled into exile in India in 1959.

Talks
Only a week before the Oct 1 anniversary Beijing offered to hold talks with the Dalai Lama provided he dropped the idea of independence for the region. The Dalai Lama accepted but reiterated a call for Tibetan self-government within China — an

Seoul warming to communist nations

By Spencer Sherman

SEOUL. (UPI): Using the Olympic Games as a backdrop, South Korea, long the ice-box of the cold war, is suddenly warming to communist nations.

The government is taking advantage of the Seoul Olympics to launch a long-planned strategy to open markets and diplomatic contacts with the communist world.

Seoul scored the first success of its new policy this month when Hungary became the first communist nation to agree to set up a permanent mission in South Korea and the two countries said they would establish diplomatic relations soon.

A Western diplomat said the move toward the East was "in the long run... more important for South Korea than any gold medals they may win."

A high ranking South Korean diplomat said, "We wouldn't be foolish to waste this opportunity to show all the world our success and see if we can't get the communist world to join us."

Demonics
In a country where Marx and Lenin are demon figures and even vaguely supporting communism is a violation of national security, the South Korean press has quickly shown interest in its communist guests. The arrival of Olympic teams from communist nations has been front-page news.

Hours after China's Xinhua News Agency opened its office at the Olympic Press Centre, the bureau was closed to outsiders after South Korean reporter replaced the "no access" sign with one saying "you're welcome" as the agency joined in the spirit of harmony.

Even before the agreement with Hungary, there were

already significant benefits from Seoul's new policy, particularly reported pressure on North Korea by China and the Soviet Union to refrain from any disruptions of the Olympics — which Pyongyang is boycotting.

South Korea has also held a public meeting with Chinese trade officials, even though Beijing does not officially acknowledge China's estimated \$2 billion in trade with Seoul.

A meeting of Soviet officials at the Foreign Ministry, diplomatic privileges for a Soviet consul and a Bolshoi ballet performance were also firsts in Seoul since the division of the peninsula after World War II.

Seoul has both political and economic reasons for pursuing its former enemies.

With trade troubles brewing in the United States and the European community, South Korea is hoping to ease its dependence on exports to the West by gaining new markets in consumer-starved communist nations.

Using economic entree, Seoul hopes to expand its political influence beyond the West. South Korea has been frozen out of relations with the communist world for 40 years by North Korea, which has maintained a hold on the Soviet Union and China.

Recognition
The North and South play a game of political one-upmanship over which side has more world recognition and thus, supposedly, which would have a greater right to govern a reunited Korea. South Korea hopes the Olympics will tilt the diplomatic balance in its favour.

The fervent anti-communist leadership shows no concern that its people will be corrupted by an ideology that is anathema to Seoul's system.

Pakistan's peaceful nuclear programme

SIR: Indian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr K.K. Tiwari's interview published in the Arab Times on 26th September, 1988, does not give the correct picture about Pakistan's nuclear intentions.

It is well-known that Pakistan's modest nuclear programme was born out of the country's genuine needs in the energy sector. The absence of sufficient fossil fuels make nuclear energy for peaceful purposes a long-term imperative. Consequently Pakistan regards its right to carry out research and lay a proper basis for the peaceful exploitation of nuclear energy in the future. However, the Government of Pakistan has made it abundantly clear on a number of occasions, that the country is neither in a position to nor has the intention of making nuclear weapons. Pakistan has made this commitment solemnly and is prepared also to accept international safeguards, on a non-discriminatory basis, to curb Indian ambitions.

Pakistan has also offered India a number of proposals to keep our region free from the introduction of nuclear weapons. A proposal for the establishment of a nuclear weapons free-zone in South Asia was presented by Pakistan, as early as in 1974. Since then, the following five proposals have been made by Pakistan to India, at the highest level:

I. Simultaneous accession by India and Pakistan to the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty.
II. Arrangements for mutual inspection of one another's nuclear installations.
III. Simultaneous acceptance of complete IAEA safeguards for all nuclear installations.
IV. Renunciation of nuclear weapons through a joint declaration.
V. Any other practicable proposal which India may like to present.

In contrast India's pronouncements on this subject are difficult to understand. India stands for total and complete disarmament of the entire world before it is willing to become a signatory to the Non-proliferation Treaty. This, of course, is an excuse to carry out its nuclear weapons programme, the proof of which was witnessed by the world when India exploded a nuclear device in Rajasthan in 1974 — the so-called "peaceful nuclear device" — a contradiction in terms.

It is also well-known that the Indian Government is busy in developing missiles which could be used as a delivery system for nuclear weapons to project India's power well beyond her borders. We fear it is for this reason that India does not accept Pakistan's reasonable proposals regarding a nuclear weapons free zone in South Asia. The emergence of India as a nuclear power will have grave strategic consequences for this entire region, and her ambitions need to be closely watched.

As regards the Punjab problem, the Indian Government has the habit of placing the fault at any other door except its own. It is well-known that the former Indian Government encouraged Sikh extremists for political purposes. When the genie got out of the bottle they decided to attack and forcibly occupy the holiest shrine of the Sikh people. This, understandably, led to a spontaneous reaction from the Sikhs. To understand this one would have to imagine what would happen if holy places of Islam, God forbid, were attacked by any power. Be this as it may, the Government of Pakistan regards this as a domestic matter of India and wishes the Indian Government well in arriving at a settlement with the Sikh community. The Indian Government cannot have any evidence of Pakistani assistance to the Sikh extremists as no assistance has ever been given.

Press & Cultural Attache, Embassy of Pakistan.

Floods in Bangladesh

SIR: The devastating floods in Bangladesh have crippled the economy, creating a mood of hopelessness. Once a thriving land, the country has now become the poorest in the world. Two hundred years of colonial rule; exploitation and continued suppression of democracy by a series of military rulers have led to its decline.

Bangladesh, its leaders and government must now chart out the country's future. We urge our government to exert all efforts to get finance, technical assistance and regional co-operation to find a permanent solution and control this natural disaster.

Harun, Safat.

Militant Burmese students vow war of attrition

By Jose Katigbak

BANGKOK. (Reuters): Militant students have joined forces with ethnic guerrillas in an attempt to topple Burma's military government and diplomats forecast an increase in urban guerrilla warfare in the coming months.

The National Democratic Front (NDF), a grouping of ethnic guerrillas fighting for independence or autonomy from central government, has said it will give refuge and military training to all students who flee to areas under its control.

"We have decided to fight to survive, and those who value democracy and human rights will join us when the time is ripe," a student leader told reporters at the Thai-Burma border last weekend.

He said groups of them were already undergoing military training as commandos at NDF camps.

The Army rank and file included soldiers sympathetic to the students and they would mutiny against their officers at "the appropriate time," he said.

Power
The military took power on Sept 18, in what diplomats said was a false coup to keep Army founding father Ne Win in power after weeks of pro-democracy demonstrations brought the old guard authoritarian administration close to collapse.

Since then troops have been systematically rounding up militant students and there have been reports of summary executions of some of them, invariably described in official media as looters.

A Western ambassador in Rangoon said in a telephone interview: "Many students who played a leading role are no longer around but I can assure you

that not all of them have been shot."

He said many had escaped by going underground and preparing for guerrilla warfare. "It is quite obvious that they are not going to go for pitched battles against a well-equipped, well-trained Army. There will be much more sniping, a form of terrorism, I think, is going to emerge."

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Flying like a Maharajah

SIR: I have read quite often that Air India offers "Maharajah Style Service." I happened to be one of the victims of this regular publicity.

My wife and two children had confirmed booking on Air India flight from Bombay to Kuwait on Sept 3 at 1645 hours. Their tickets were reconfirmed at Air India's office in Bangalore. I, too checked personally at Bombay Airport on Aug 13 prior to my coming to Kuwait. So I was at ease and confident that the "Maharajah Style Service" would make their journey an enjoyable one.

My wife and children reported to Sahar Terminal at 1330 hours. The Air India counter staff told my wife that they are on waiting list but not to worry as there is ample time for checking in and flights are not full.

As the flight time was nearing, she became suspicious about the whole affair. Everytime she approached the counter she was given the same answer "Wait, there are plenty of seats." Just before 45 minutes of the flight, she got fed up and went again to the counter and the same staff told her the flight is full. I received a telephone call at 5 pm from Bombay saying that she could not board the aircraft for lack of seats.

I contacted Air India office in Kuwait and they endorsed my family's ticket on Kuwait Airways flight for the next day. My family had a very comfortable journey on Kuwait Airways flight which had no comparison with their previous trips by Air India.

All I want to know now is where my three confirmed seats went. Can Air India office in Kuwait explain?

A Reader, (Name and address supplied)

Maltreatment of Al passengers

SIR: The maltreatment of bona fide Air India passengers has been increasing. The tale of passengers returning from holiday discredit the national carrier. Confirmed and reconfirmed ticket holders are denied seats on flimsy grounds either at the port of embarkation or at the transit point.

There was a time when Air India travel was a pleasure; passengers were cared for. Today, it has become a horrifying experience.

Will the Indians have to put up with the situation with no signs of improvement?

Some remedial measures should be taken so that the service lives up to the Al Maharajah's claim of comfort and royal service. Al's efficiency graph is plunging. However, as long as the balance sheet shows profits and the Gulf Indians maintain, Al has

nothing to worry about.

The social associations in Kuwait should consider hiring a lawyer in Kuwait or India to seek redress, in genuine cases, when Al flouts their legal obligations.

Such explanations as "technical problems" and "operational problems" are not the problem of "innocent passengers."

C.K. Satyare, Safat.

Compensation for ruined outfit

SIR: Two pure silk outfits, given for dry cleaning, have been ruined by a reputed laundry in Ahmadi. On top of it, they refused to pay compensation, as promised. There is no doubt about the quality of fabric, as they have been dry-cleaned before. The laundry agreed to remove the colour stains on my clothes.

I returned to the laundry after two weeks to find that the colour-stains had become white stains. I took the less-expensive dress — KD10 back home because I didn't want it ruined further, and asked for a compensation for the one which cost KD 18. The employee asked me to come back after two weeks so that they could consult the management. Last week, I was told that I would get one-third price of the outfit, and they'll keep the dress. I brushed aside their offer and took my clothes back as I did not feel it was worth dealing with a laundry which offers such poor service to regular customers. What guarantee do we have that our clothes won't be ruined when we give them for dry-cleaning? All the slogans on their invoice mean nothing.

A regular customer, Ahmadi.

Get your facts right

SIR: I refer to the article "Unknown Mother Teresa of Peru's slums," (AT, Sept 18). I was astonished by the way the society and people of Peru are referred to.

Piura is the main agricultural area where most of the cotton farms of Peru are situated. The city is very colonial. It was the first Spanish settlement in Peru in 1600 AD and was founded as a main city in 1832.

I can assure you that there is running water and sewers. In 1974 there were two orphanages and an organised handicapped society where I used to help twice a week.

Peruvians are very conscious about the differences between rich and poor. Peru is not a country where sick children are thrown out in the street to die no matter how poor or uneducated they may be.

I have been back to Peru many times since 1974 and I don't see Piura as worse than any other town. There is a deep

rooted society trying to help themselves. If there is any point in trying to promote a charity by degrading a decent town and their people, I think it is indecent.

Get your facts right and give people living in Kuwait 150 fils worth of accurate information.

R. Cumming

Menace by teenagers
SIR: Every evening teenagers cause a lot of menace near the Indian and Pakistani schools in Salmiya.

They drive cars and ride motor bikes at high speed and use filthy language. People are afraid to walk on the streets. At times, they throw stones and bottles at passers-by. When questioned they gang up and are ready to fight.

I request the concerned authorities to make necessary arrangements to catch them red-handed by posting plain clothes security men.

A sufferer, (Name and address supplied)

Distressed by change of uniforms

SIR: I refer to the letter "Uniforms unavailable" (AT, Sept 15-16). As a parent I am distressed by the change of uniforms by the New Indian School, Jabriya.

There are many people like me, with four children, who cannot meet these sudden expenses. Doesn't the school management realise this? Is this the only change they could think of?

The school was excellent for five years under the previous principal. There was total harmony between the staff, students and parents. But now we see chaos.

M.K.Y. Nair, (A parent), Safat.

Change of uniforms

SIR: The head of the New Indian School appears to be a self-centred egoist for imposing change of uniforms. The only change he could think of, was the board of governors' foot into this matter.

Iljo John, (A parent), Safat.

Mud-slinging

SIR: Constant mud-slinging at each other is disconcerting. This attitude is a disgrace to the community. No doubt self-proclaimed committees and clubs are raking in profits from so-called social programmes, at the cost of revelers. But aren't we also not part of this morbid charade? We are supposed to be

kind and hospitable but are truly hypocrites at heart for our snobbery and indulgence in it. It is sickening.

Let us unite and form a genuine institution to improve our community and shed hypocrisy by channelling efforts for the betterment of our society back home. I was told by a doctor friend that there is a shortage of medicines in Goa. Can't we, the fortunate ones, help the more unfortunate people back home? We can, if we look around us and see the lack of basic necessities in our villages. Our charity to humane causes would be gratifying.

S. D'Souza, Safat.

Varkey visas do help

SIR: While reading letters to the editor in the Arab Times about Varkey visas, I remembered a lady whose husband could not get her a family visa to bring her to Kuwait. Instead he managed to get her a Varkey visa with a job as a teacher.

Varkey visas do help. Can anyone inform me from where to get them. I need a visa to bring my husband to Kuwait.

A working wife, (Name and address supplied)

Bus service

SIR: This refers to a recent news item about the ban on vans used as private taxis. There are no taxi services in residential and shopping areas and remote places. Taxis are available only in the city centre and on some main roads. Taxi charges are also exorbitant.

Bus service is negligible — or non-existent — in some areas, forcing many people to use vans. I request the authorities to introduce frequent bus services which lack taxi services in some areas. There are no direct buses from Salmiya, Abbasiya and Fahad to the city centre.

A commuter, Safat.

Battle-hardened 'Old Fox' becomes Polish premier

WARSAW. (Reuters): Politburo member Mieczyslaw Rakowski is a wily, battle-hardened communist whose talent for riding out Poland's repeated political upheavals has won him the nickname "The Old Fox."

Three years after he appeared to have been sidelined, Communist Party leaders on Monday ordered their deputies in parliament to vote Rakowski

into office on Tuesday as the new Polish prime minister.

Assigned to an obscure parliamentary job in 1985 after four years as deputy prime minister, Rakowski returned to centre stage in December 1987 when he was named as a member of the Communist Party's ruling politburo.

In June 1988, he was appointed a Party Central Committee Secretary for Propaganda, giving him vital duties two months before pro-Solidarity strikes flared and party leaders decided to open contacts with the banned union's leader, Lech Walesa.

Liberal
Rakowski, a frequent traveller to the West, is sometimes seen there as a liberal. But many Poles think he epitomises communist orthodoxy in his devotion to party discipline, the Soviet-Polish alliance and pursuit of personal power.

In March 1988, Rakowski told party activists: "I think a legacy of deep crisis still lingers in the party... it is high time to take the offensive against our political enemy. He has nothing but a negative attitude to offer the Polish nation."

Employed at the party's Central Committee in 1949 when only 23, Rakowski was virtually alone in surviving political storms that destroyed Stalinist leaders in the 1950s and party chiefs Wladyslaw Gomulka in 1970 and Edward Giermek in 1980.

His growing reputation as an opportunist was caught in his nicknames "Stary Lis" (The Old Fox) and "Plywak" (The Swimmer), and Rakowski himself acknowledges he has lost friendships developed over years because of his unpopular public image.

Rakowski was the

CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

by Firoze Rangoonwalla

Special to the Arab Times

FROM the golden days of the 40's to the early '80's the Hindi film had the world at its feet. It had a captive and addictive audience waiting to lap up most of what was offered in the name of entertainment. If it suffered, it was only when it made the wrong sort of films or the wrong combination of formulae.

But the slowly mounting invasion of television and its companion the video has changed all that in the eighties. For the first time there was a challenge to the monopoly of Indian cinema as the cheapest and only form of pop culture and mass entertainment. And the irony is that they have succeeded by using the material of cinema itself.

Indian TV had been around for more than 25 years, but was ineffective initially. The first TV centre was started at Delhi in 1959 and it remained the only station for thirteen years. It had a one-hour telecast twice weekly to start with. Later it was expanded to four days and then made daily in 1965. It was in 1972 that TV came to the big Bombay bazaar and the citadel of the film world.

Impact

But its initial impact was zero, as it was non-commercial, black and white TV, with government-oriented programmes on education, communication, rural welfare etc. The only time when large numbers of people watched TV was when it showed extracts of film songs or interviews with film people. The big deluge came in 1982 when colour TV arrived followed by sponsored programmes in 1984. It was only then that big and small industrial houses became interested in advertising on the telly, though the commercial service had started way back in

Film industry in dire straits as TV reaches the masses

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Supriya, (left) a film star who flopped on the big screen, gets a new lease of life in a video film Naqli Chehra.

1976. Moreover TV and relay centres had cropped up by now to cover all the important cities and 500,000 villages. A parallel development was

the relaxing of import of video sets (and also colour TV sets) for the sake of the Asian, the ninth Asian Games held at Delhi. This was the first nail in the coffin of the film industry. Though officially the import of these foreign machines is still banned or heavily taxed for personal use, yet by fair means or foul, they keep coming. And now there are, a million VCRs in the country, served by some 90,000 video libraries, apart from countless parlours, long-distance houses, posh hotels, cable TV and disc antenna, showing legal or pirated films through video. And the number is rising every day.

Resistance

The film industry put up some tough resistance in the beginning. As ticket sales and

audience attendances fell, raids were organised to pounce on the pirated cassettes of new releases. But it was all in vain. Producers began to sell the video rights from the backdoor. Soon, it was all made official, with censor certificate and simultaneous release. But piracy continues in one form or other.

Along with the video, TV also began to offer stiff competition. It has more than 200 transmitters and satellite services, enabling a national network-and-state-wise relay. For the first time in the Indian film history, the plum Sunday evening show with the highest attendance level began to run half vacant, as TV showed old commercial or new art films. After all, it was a free show in the privacy of one's own home.

Those loyal to the cinema-going habit became a minority. TV also continued with its film-based programmes which have the highest viewership, due to attractive excerpts from feature films.

And then came the onslaught of the popular TV serials, thus eating into the vital cinema time, even on week days or weekends. In 1984, the soap opera Humlog gave the lead, followed by Buniyad and Ramayana, apart from the short-term ones like Nukkad and Yeh Jo Hai Zindagi. One or two serials every day, of whatever quality, but shown at prime time, easily discourage people from going to cinema.

There are also regional films and songs, late-night movies, TV films specially made by famous directors, and sponsored programmes on grand foreign events, like the Oscar awards ceremony or the Miss Universe contests, apart from the second channel and break-fast TV.

Cable TV, available at reasonable cost, brings the best of material from the West and neighbour countries like Pakistan, right into the homes of the middle and lower classes. Why then should they suffer the hardships of going to theatres? The cinema houses also declined in their services, with advance booking, seating conditions, airconditioning and even ushering services becoming a pain in the neck. In fact a video parlour is preferable with its projector and enlarged image.

The excise duty on film prints is so heavy that producers try to reduce the number, though they have to start with saturation release. But within a week, at least 50,000 video cassettes are made of a new film, including official and pirated ones, at low prices. The main market is thus eaten off. If the industry was run by sane businessmen, it would have been closed down. But people with speculative and gambling instincts keep taking a risk on every new film and some have to show tax losses or turn black money into white. So new tricks of the trade are tried to pass the buck between producers, distributors, and exhibitors.

Another offshoot is the birth



Sangeeta Naik (left), Khopdi and Dilip Dhavan: the popular gang of the hit TV serial Nukkad.

of the independent video film, made on tape and meant only for that market. There is still no system of transferring from tape to film. That would cut down production costs but the celluloid world would be ruined. Nari Hira's Hiba Films have kept up a regular flow of one video film a month, well distributed and with an anti-piracy cell too. This new school of films has become quite a success and others too are following with feature films or specially recorded programmes and video-film magazines.

Another blow to the cinema is that the video and TV industries have thrown up many new talents and also taken over some special talents of the cinema, who were finding the going tough. Stars like Alok Nath, Aadiya Pancholi, Neena Gupta, Deepa Sahi, Neeta Puri, Satish Shah, Shafi Inamdar, Abhinav, Sushma Seth, Sujata Mehta and many more have emerged from the small screen to compete on the big.

Some talents like Om Puri, Arun Govil, Supriya and Deepika got a fresh lease with the small screen. Film-makers like Sayeed Mirza and Kundan Shah who could not have



Hema Malini (right) in Adalat, a television serial. She is one of the many film stars who now appear on the small screen.

survived in films found a haven in TV, though busy ones like Mahesh Bhatt have also tried their hand on it. This interaction between the old and new media will continue in a bigger way. Nowadays, even big stars are willing to work for TV.

So what is the future of cinema? Theatre owners want to close down at the earliest, if the rules are changed. Distributors become bankrupt and new ones take their place on the gambling table. Many veteran

producers have been nearly driven out and they have stopped making films. The stars are at the moment the biggest profit-looters without a risk. But what will they do if there are no films?

The only ray of hope is that the entire video business and much of TV depends on the star-studded feature films, and their songs as well as glamour. If this crashes, then the small screen will find it impossible to survive on its own material.



Rahinder, Rama Vij and Urmila star in the video film Janjaal.



A scene from Tamas, a gripping television serial which provoked a national controversy.

Behind the screen

Sunjay Dutt could not wait for wife Richa and his newborn kid to come back to India. So he flew to the U.S.A. like a good father, but throwing all his shooting dates out of gear and delaying the film world. If every star sends his pregnant wife abroad and then himself rushes there, the film industry will close down sooner than expected.

coming as Reena is no longer a star.

Rajshri Films' new discovery Bhagyashree is not so new to the film world. Her father is Vijay Singh who comes from a royal family and has composed music for films, apart from the bad experience of producing Kabhi Ajabhi The. Let's hope the daughter makes up for her father.

In Tanvir Ahmed's Akarshan, Smita Paul's footage is included from an earlier film which he had gave-up long ago. But where would he get her voice? Deepi Naval has dubbed Smita's dialogues.

N. Chandra has become a successful director with two hits. Therefore even an iceberg like Madhuri Dixit got herself defrosted to be chummy with him. She has got a swinging role in Tezaab. Since Chandra has emerged from the slums, he made some crude advances. But Madhuri swallowed even that. Another advantage is that they both speak the same language, Marathi.

Why did Rajesh Khanna go all the way to America to shoot a song sequence with Dimple for his Jal Shiv Shankar? What the insiders of his unit say is even more amazing. The entire song had already been lensed in Film City. But Kaka said he did not like it and scrapped it. The whole idea was actually to be nearer to Dimple and have an unofficial honeymoon. But what a costly way to win back one's own wife!

Reena Roy's brother Raja Roy has been producing Takrao for ages now. It has Hema, Shatrugh, Rajnikant and Anita Raj. But the stars as well as director Harnesh Malhotra have lost interest. The reason is simple. Finance is not forth-



Sunjay Dutt (right) flew to his wife's bedside in America leaving his producers in the lurch.



Director N. Chandra and Madhuri (right): both speak the same language

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

ANGIOPLASTY TREATS CLOGGED CORONARY ARTERIES

QUESTION: My doctor has recommended angioplasty for me. Although he has assured me that it is the best thing for me to do, I am very anxious and uncertain about this whole affair. Perhaps you can help me. What can I expect?

ANSWER: Angioplasty (also called PTCA) for percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty) is a common procedure for treating clogged or blocked coronary arteries. It is an alternative to coronary bypass surgery. More than 120,000 angioplasties were performed in the United States in 1986.

In angioplasty, an uninflated balloon catheter is snaked into the obstructed artery. Usually, your physician will thread the catheter up into your heart from an incision in the femoral artery located in your groin. When the balloon section of the catheter is positioned within the clog, it is inflated and presses the clog material (which is mostly cholesterol) against the artery walls while stretching the artery a bit. The balloon may be deflated, repositioned and inflated to ensure that an open channel through the

artery is produced. The catheter is carefully controlled by your physician who is watching its progress on a monitor.

Angioplasty is relatively painless and takes about an hour. Some patients feel some chest pain or angina during the balloon inflation, but many say the most uncomfortable part of the procedure is having to lie on their backs for several hours afterward to allow the groin incision to start healing.

The risks of angioplasty are low, but a coronary bypass surgical team stands by in case of an emergency. About 25 per cent to 30 per cent of all arteries treated via angioplasty reclog within six months after the procedure, however.

QUESTION: My great-grandmother seems to be losing some of her ability to articulate properly. I've noticed that a lot of elderly people have changes in their voices, so at first I wasn't concerned. Should I be?

ANSWER: Yes, concern is warranted. Sometimes even subtle changes in speech can be a clue to disease even before other signs are apparent. Elderly people who

retain their young-sounding voices are generally in better overall health than most of their contemporaries whose voice changes.

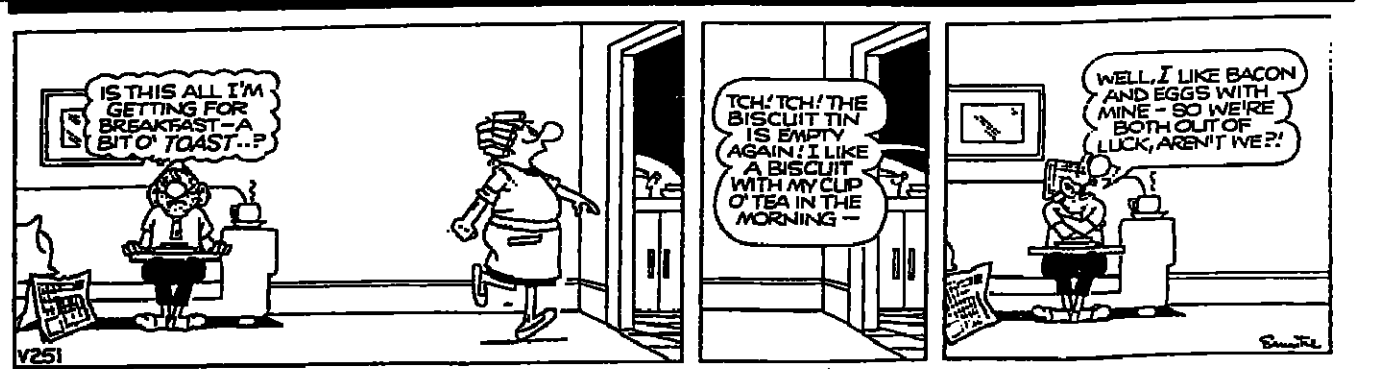
When the change is in articulation, it could be due to neurological changes. Damage to different parts of the nervous system can affect different functions in speech. For example, a severe articulation problem can be caused by damage or degeneration of the fifth cranial nerve. That's because when that nerve is unhealthy, it hinders a person's ability to move his or her jaw up and down. You should make sure your great-grandmother checks her problem out with a neurologist who has expertise in speech pathology.

You may observe the physician will listen attentively when your great-grandmother speaks, for the manner in which she talks, the tone and quality of her voice are all important clues that can lead to the diagnosis of the exact cause. Once the cause is known, attention can be directed at possible treatments to attack the problem.

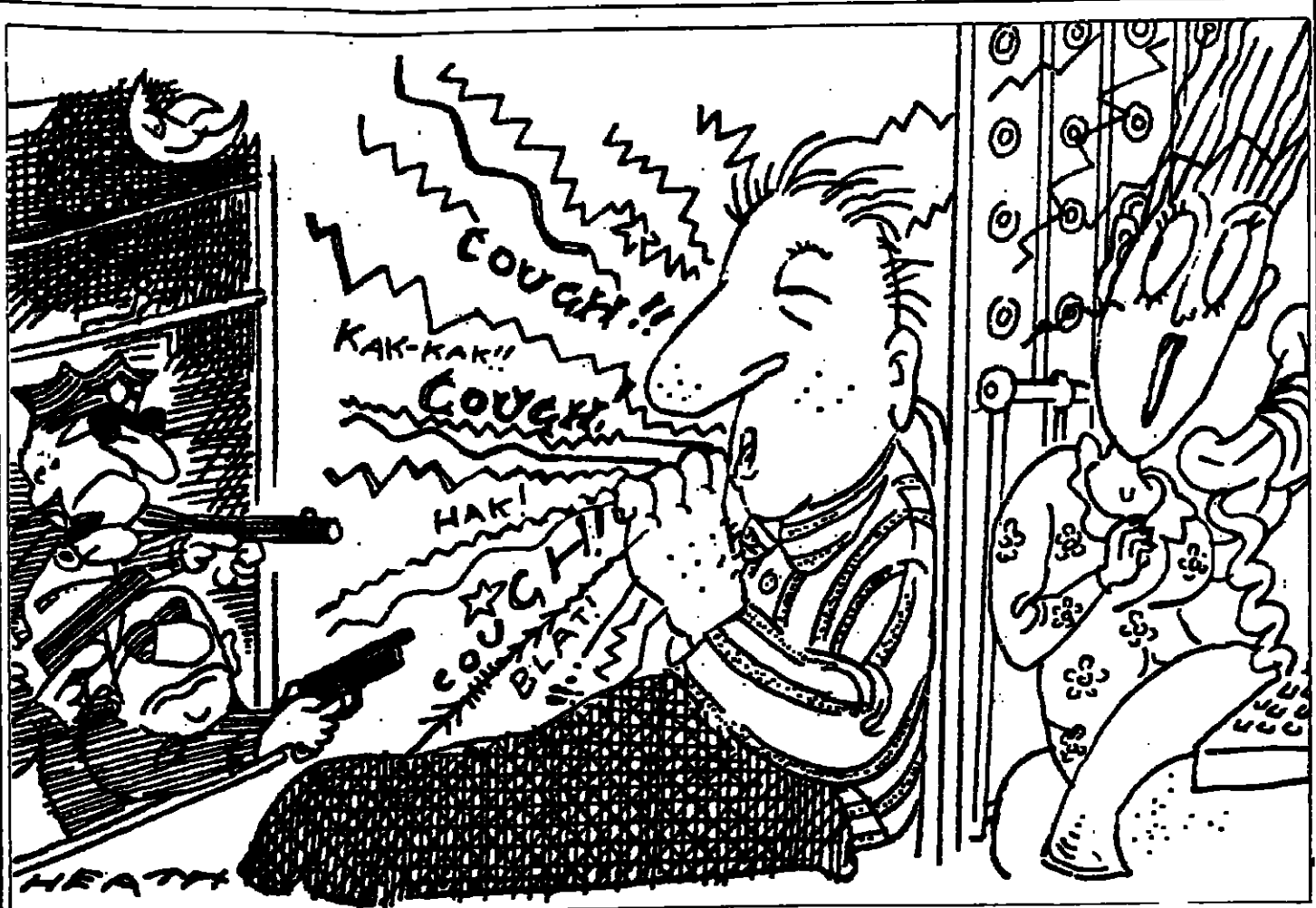
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By Smith



HUMOUR



Classics of do-it-yourself disasters

The most pointless petition

IN this genre the great A.N. Wilson is unsurpassed. During the autumn of 1987 the contemporary novelist became enraged that Poets' Corner in Westminster Abbey had no memorial bust honouring Matthew Arnold.

With a faultless display of campaigning skills, he fired off letters pointing out this disgraceful neglect and organised a petition of right-thinking literati, headed by the biographer Victoria Glendinning and Auberon Waugh, the editor of The Literary Review.

In a crusading editorial, Waugh wrote that "unlike many of those whose monuments adorn the abbey, Arnold's reputation has stood the test of time, and continued exclusion seems shameful." He urged his readers to write immediately to the Right Reverend Dean of Westminster, who was instantly submerged in a barrage of irate mail.

The campaign reached the perfect conclusion when the Dean wrote back thanking them for their interest and pointing out that their proposal seemed to overlook the extremely life-like bust of Arnold which had been in the Abbey since 1981.

The least successful home repairs

HOME repairs offer immense scope to the right sort of person. In 1980 Brian Heise, of Utah, showed the way when he woke to find a burst pipe flood-

Concluding our extracts from the best in human non-achievement from Stephens Pile's Return of Heroic Failures

ing his house.

Deciding to hire a pump, he went out to his car only to find that a tyre was flat. Returning indoors to make a phone call, he received an electric shock so great that he was hurled across the room and ripped the telephone out of the wall.

He then found that dampness had caused the floor to swell and the front door was jammed so he could not get out. A seminal figure in the world of home repairs, he spent some while screaming through the window for help. Only when a neighbour smashed down the front door did Heise notice that his car had been stolen.

Having informed the police, hired a pump, sealed the leak and cleaned up his flat, Mr Heise felt that the moment had come to relax. Displaying an impressive versatility, he went to a nearby civil war pageant and within minutes of arrival he sat on a bayonet.

The least successful attempt to raise money for charity

IN 1986 Jeffrey Gill decided to raise £1,000 for the Bude coastguards by windsurfing from the north Devon coast to Lundy Island.

When, several hours later, there was no sign of him, the coastguards launched a full-scale air-sea rescue operation involving the Bristol channel

lifeboat, the Lundy ferry, the Bude inflatable life raft, a helicopter from RAF Chivenor and mobile coastguard units from as far away as Cornwall. The cost of the operation was £2,000, exactly twice what he had hoped to raise.

Eventually, he was found, substantially becalmed and floating towards America. "The wind dropped and my flares didn't work," said Gill, who runs a shop in Widemouth Bay called Outdoor Adventure.

The woman who couldn't organise a piss-up in a brewery

IN the 1970s a woman reporter, working for the Daily Mirror, was chided by her colleagues that she couldn't organise a piss-up in a brewery. Fiqued by this comment, she announced that the following week contained her birthday and she would be arranging a party at the Fullers Brewery in Chiswick.

With a touch of sheer brilliance, she put the wrong day on the noticeboard and revellers turned up 24 hours early.

The worst cough

IN 1988 Alan Parks of Sydney had what is widely thought to be the most troublesome cough in modern history. His con-

stant hacking in the middle of the night terrified the woman next door who woke up and thought it was gunfire. Assuming there was a crazed gunman on the loose, she barricaded herself into her bedroom and called the police.

Minutes later armed officers poured in from all over Sydney, including members of a crack "tactical response group." Within half an hour they had surrounded Alan's house and taken up siege postures in readiness for a shoot-out.

With marksmen crouching right round the suburb, their leader knocked on the door. When it opened and our man stood there choking in winter-weight pyjamas, neither party could believe what they were seeing. Parks, who is a council tip worker, promised to get some lozenges.

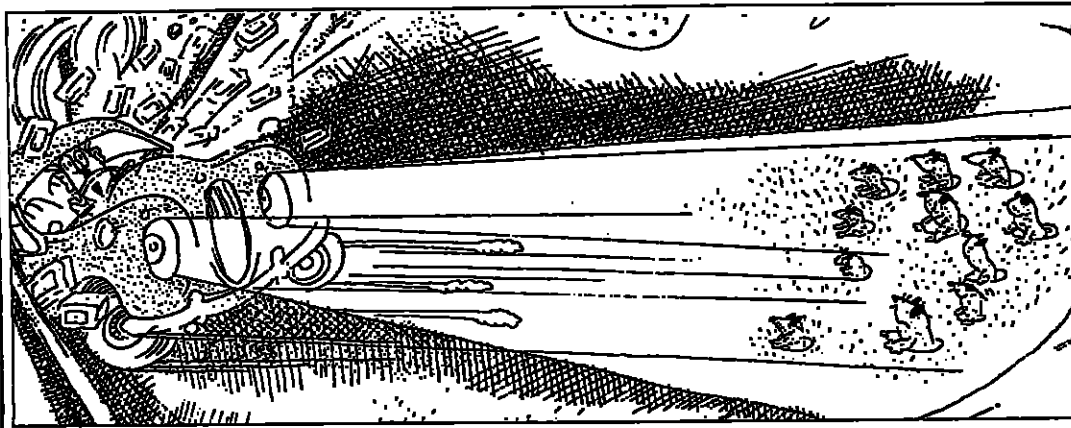
The least successful attempt to clear molehills

TIED of the 10 large molehills that flourished on his lawn, Mr Oscar Ejiamike decided to remove them. After a vigorous campaign of bombing, gassing and waiting round in the dark with a raised shovel he found that the 10 molehills survived intact. There were also 22 new ones.

At this point our man decided to "surprise the moles" with a midnight poisoning raid. In May 1984 he drove his Jaguar 2.4 automatic to the edge of the lawn and trained the headlights upon the enemy zone. While reaching across for the poison, Ejiamike knocked the car into reverse and accelerated through the wall of his cottage, knocking over the electric heater, bursting his petrol tanks, setting fire to his newly decorated sitting room, and wrecking his car.

While this certainly surprised the moles, it had no effect upon the 32 molehills. Next morning Ejiamike bought 22 bags of ready-mixed cement and announced that he was going to concrete the lawn over.

An extract from *The Return of Heroic Failures*, £9.95, to be published by Secker and Warburg.



The Art Buchwald Column

Guess who's coming

bottle of wine. "I hope he likes Pouilly Fuisse."

"He wouldn't be in the wall socket business if he didn't," I said.

"I don't know why we couldn't get another electrician when he didn't show up last month."

"You can't find an electrician because they're a dying breed. Most of them won't even let you leave a message on their telephone answering machines." She put powder on her nose. "I hope he likes us."

"What difference does it make if he likes us or not?" I said.

"If he doesn't like us he'll walk out the door and put a curse on our fuse box forever. Now, as soon as he comes in, take him into the living room and make him

comfortable. I've put pictures of the children out on all the tables. I want him to know we believe in the family just in case he's a Republican. Now, above all, do not discuss politics with him. I don't want to lose an electrician over the prayer in school issue."

"What do you discuss with an electrician?" I asked.

"Benjamin Franklin. After all, he was the father of electricity. Then there is Thomas Edison. Electricians think Edison is the cat's meow."

"I could talk to him about the stock market," I said. "I understand anyone who is a licensed electrician automatically becomes a member of the Fortune 500."

My wife said, "I'm so

nervous. It's so long since I met a man who worked with pliers."

"Be your natural self," I told her. "An electrician puts on his pants one leg at a time, just like a plumber."

"I'd feel so much better if I had cleaned the cellar."

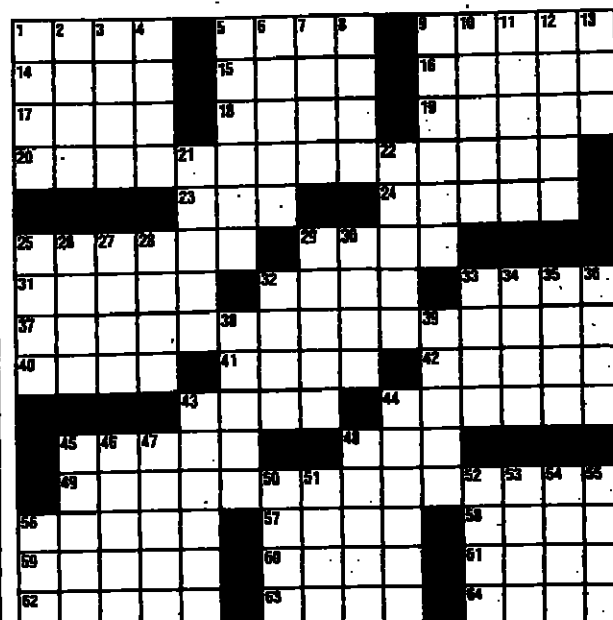
"You're worrying too much. I wouldn't be surprised if after he knocks off the bottle of Pouilly Fuisse he goes right down, tears the fuse box off the wall and finds the short in no time."

"I only hope you're right. I guess we should consider it an honour that he would even stop at our house," she said. "Do you think we should call the Larimores? They have been waiting for an electrician for four years."

"That would be rubbing it in. Besides I'm not sure they would know how to behave in front of a licensed electrician. For all we know they would fall to their knees and make damn fools of themselves."

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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠AQ8 ♥KQJ9543 ♦A5 ♣3
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
Pass 1 ♠ ?
What action do you take?

Q.2—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠K7 ♥K1074 ♦AKJ5 ♣K63
Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one spade. What action do you take?

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

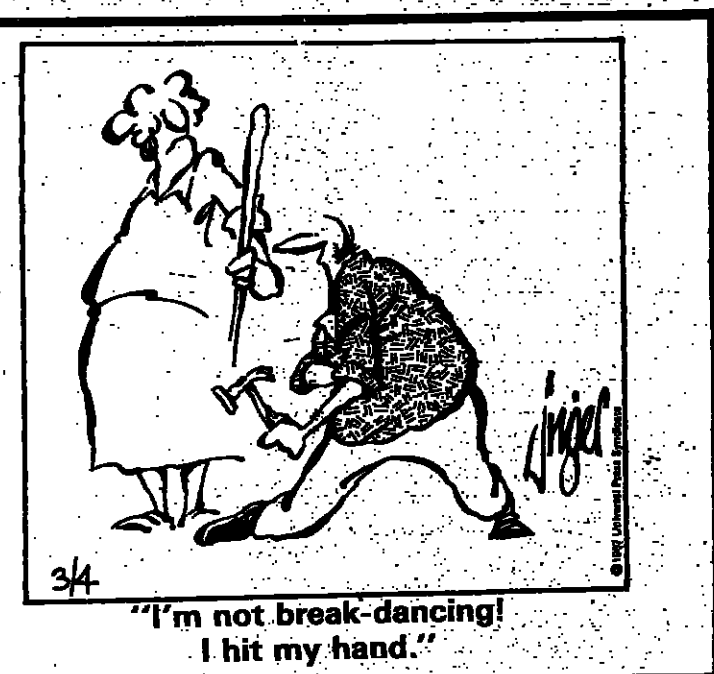
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Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠K7 ♥K107 ♦AKJ54 ♣K63
Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one spade. What action do you take?

Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠AQJ54 ♥AQ93 ♦A102 ♣5
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass ?
What do you bid now?

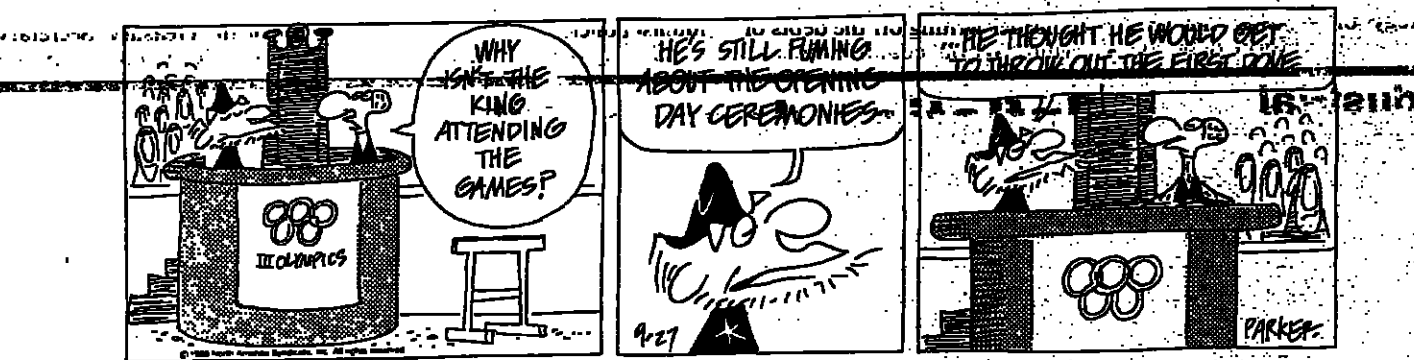
Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠K1065 ♥A1054 ♦A963 ♣7
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Dbl ?
What action do you take?

Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠J9652 ♥AKJ63 ♦5 ♣A5
Partner opens the bidding with one diamond. What do you respond?



THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brian Parker and Johnny Hart



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By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

Aries (March 20 - April 18) You will have to make sure you do not enter into any onerous financial commitments. You should try to express yourself more precisely. A personal problem will be easier to deal with. Be cordial.	Cancer (June 21 - July 21) You will be better able to maintain your inner equilibrium. You will be able to achieve something you have long intended to do. Think less yourself more others. Be constructive.	Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22) There will be positive factors and you will have some luck but not enough to replace hard work. You should continue to have the courage of your convictions. Try to ensure that you do not bore anyone. Be bold.	Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) You will feel somewhat better than done of late, better able to meet the challenges in front of you. You should not shy the first thing that comes to mind and must beware of offending others. Make sure you have checked the oil level in your car. Be responsive.
Taurus (April 19 - May 19) You will be rather more liable to be thrown off your stride and should beware. Avoid entering into any onerous commitments. You will be able to put the time at your disposal to good use. Be reasonable.	Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21) You will not be in the best of moods and should take care you do not offend anyone. You must try to avoid creating needless problems for yourself. There is a good opportunity but you are liable not to recognise it until it is too late.	Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) You will not be in the best of moods and should try not to get into any sort of argument. If you follow your intuitions you are more than likely to be led astray. Make sure you do not work so hard that you have no time to enjoy the fruits of your labour. Be considerate.	Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) There will be some conflict of opinion, but it will be possible to find a reconciliation. You should not expect everyone to agree with all that you say. Something you had hoped would not happen will not. Be frank.
Gemini (May 20 - June 20) You should spend some time clearing up outstanding matters. Also you should not think that time spent tidying up is wasted. Make sure your partner is not kept in the dark about your love. Be punctual.	Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21) You will be better able to understand what is on your partner's mind. You should not place too much reliance on your powers of persuasion nor should you try to do things by force. You will be quite satisfied with the progress you are making. Be a little more generous.	Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Your preconceptions and prejudices are all too likely to lead you astray. You will achieve better results than you thought possible. You will tend to overtire yourself, so beware. Be loyal.	Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19) You will find it easier to stay on good terms with your colleagues at work. You will be able to deal with a problem that has bothered you in the past. Now is a good time to make some of those changes you have had in mind. Be punctilious but not fussy.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Rich nations urged to do more to ease debt, poverty

US treasury secretary pledges more budget cuts

BERLIN, Sept. 28, (Agencies): New US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady, pledged in a speech today before an audience of world economic and financial leaders that the United States will continue cutting the budget deficit.

"The United States... has implemented measures to reduce its budget deficit. We do not intend to stop here," Brady said in his first speech before the annual joint summit session of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

IMF officials have also pressed the United States to do more to correct what is one of the world's main trade imbalances.

Speakers at the opening session of the three-day meeting called for freer trade and for commercial banks to do more to help alleviate the Third World debt burden.

Plan
Japan, asserting a bigger role in global economic affairs, presented a plan for new debt management strategy, but the United States immediately criticised what the proposal because of fears it would transfer risk from the private to the public sector.

Japan's so-called "Miyazawa plan" had been loosely outlined, and received lukewarm response only from the United States, at the June Toronto summit of the Group of Seven industrial nations — which also include Canada, West Germany, Britain, France and Italy.

A revised version was presented in the West Berlin International Congress Centre by Bank Governor Satoshi Sumita at Tuesday's session in the absence of Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa, who stayed behind because of Emperor Hirohito's illness.

The plan is aimed to support middle-income debtor countries, mainly in Latin America, and was billed by Sumita as an "additional menu item" to the existing basic case-to-case strategy of tackling the \$1.2 trillion Third World debt, the



US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady addresses the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, which started in West Berlin on Tuesday. On left IMF president French Michel Camdessus. (Reuter wirephoto)

main issue at the IMF-World Bank summit.

"Under the proposed option," Sumita said, "the debtor country would have to start by reaching agreement with the IMF on a medium-term programme for economic structural adjustment."

Indonesia, Asia's biggest debtor country, called for new forms of lending, risking the anger of Japan, the world's biggest creditor.

"I cannot emphasise strongly enough my conviction of the need to develop new lending instruments capable of responding to today's undeniable economic realities," Finance Minister Johannes Sumartin said.

He said the developing countries should be protected against swings in the currencies in which they borrow.

The developed world should consider writing off the debts of Third World countries besides

the poorest ones, he said.

Sumartin made clear in an interview that he was talking in global terms not just about Indonesia, but both his proposals would greatly benefit Jakarta.

Ideas

It was the second time that he had broached these ideas. He first put them forward at a private meeting in June with officials and businessmen from Japan, one of Indonesia's biggest creditors.

At that time, the Japanese objected strongly to the suggestion and Sumartin was forced to assure them that Indonesia intended to pay off its \$50-billion foreign debts.

China's minister of finance said today that few Chinese still lack enough food and clothing a decade after the government began to change its original communist policies.

"During the past decade, the

reforms of the economic and political structures have led to the emancipation of the people's mind and to the fast growth of public productivity," Wang Bingqian told the annual meeting. China belongs to the 151-member organisations.

"A society that had cut itself off from the outside world for a long time is being changed quickly into one that is open to the outside on all fronts," he said.

Issues

Wang called world peace and development of Third World countries the two major issues of the moment.

"The factors leading to peace are on the increase, but development momentum is weak," he said. "Specifically, the developing countries are in formidable economic difficulties, experiencing a serious shortage of funds and a high incidence of poverty."

Mexican Treasury Secretary Gustavo Petricoli proposed

today an "international development pact" to make the 1990s a decade of prosperity for developing nations.

He said a development pact would reduce the developing world's \$1.2-trillion, and at the same time bring new money to finance its development.

Relief

Unless developing countries get relief from the heavy burden of debt payments, he said, they will face the choice of indiscriminately increasing their debt or resigning themselves to continue paying at the expense of any growth of their peoples' incomes.

The first choice is not viable in the market, and second is unacceptable socially, economically and politically, especially after a long period of recession," he said.

He insisted that each country's development depends on its own government and people, but that resources from abroad are also needed.

He listed 10 points that he called a minimum for his proposed pact. One called on industrial countries' government and inter-governmental bodies — such as the World Bank and IMF — to provide guarantees, new financing or both when debtors buy back their debt at a discount.

Poor countries poured cold water over new plans to ease the debt crisis and called on rich nations to do much more to alleviate poverty and so stave off social unrest in the Third World.

"While we appreciate these initiatives, there is no doubt that given the magnitude of the debt crisis in our continent, they are far below our immediate requirements," Peter Mmusi, the vice-president of Botswana said.

Colombian Finance Minister Luis Fernando Alarcon-Manilla told delegates from 151 countries that Latin America had lost a decade of development because of the debt crisis.

He said growth had to be restored to avoid the "indisputable social and political risks latent in

countries that face the serious dilemma of the debt problem."

West German Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg said strong world growth gave poor countries a valuable breathing space, but admitted the situation for most nations in sub-Saharan Africa and some in Latin America was far from satisfactory.

"The heavy debt has compounded their deep-seated problems of economic underdevelopment and poverty," he said.

Bangladesh's Planning Minister, A.K. Khandker, whose country is recovering from what he called history's worst flood, said economic development could no longer ignore the damage caused by reckless management of the environment.

Protecting the environment so that disasters like the Bangladesh flood are avoided should become the prime concern of the international community, he said.

"There is now a recognition of the close link between poverty, environmental degradation, and long-term sustainable development," Khandker said. "It will be too much for the struggling millions in (Ganges) delta to recurrently bear the scourge."

Role

As poor countries painted a grim picture of their economic prospects, South Korea's finance minister announced that Seoul was ready to play a bigger role in managing the world economy and help other countries emulate its economic success.

"I can only emphasise that Korea is willing and anxious to share its development experiences with other developing nations and to assume wider responsibilities in world economic affairs," Sakong Il said.

Although Western governments, notably the Reagan administration, have long urged South Korea to participate more actively in the world economy, Seoul's demand for more voting power in the IMF is likely to be controversial because it would be at the expense of other countries.

Industrial nations must combine their efforts to resolve debt: Khorafi



Jassem Al Khorafi

WEST BERLIN, Sept. 28, (KUNA): Kuwait's Finance Minister Jassem Al Khorafi today affirmed that the joint annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank were "a good opportunity" for the Kuwaiti delegation to raise important issues related to the Arab world.

Those issues include Egypt's suspended membership at the institutions and the floods in Sudan.

In a statement to KUNA, Al Khorafi said that economic problems of developing countries and their economic growth were discussed along with their debt problems.

Discussions
During these discussions, the Kuwaiti delegation held bilateral meetings with Arab delegations to the annual meetings. Kuwaiti officials also met officials from the Third World with which Kuwait has mutual interests and good ties.

The discussions were aimed at opening new spheres of co-operation between Kuwait and these countries.

Discussing the debts owed by the less-developed nations, Al Khorafi said the problem is not new and has been reviewed repeatedly.

Khorafi said he hopes that a new and clear path will be pursued by the involved parties to work out a speedy settlement. Development debts must be dealt with on a separate basis from the commercial aspects, he said.

He urged the industrial nations to combine their efforts and not to work alone to resolve or ease the debt dilemma.

During the meetings, Japan said it will contribute an unspecified sum to help the developing countries overcome their debt problems and rebuild their economies.

Inflation does not threaten economy: Sprinkel

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28, (Reuter): Beryl Sprinkel, President Reagan's Chief Economic Adviser, said today that recent price increases were only temporary and that inflation was not threatening the US economy.

He said the recent rise in the inflation rate as measured by the consumer price index (CPI) was due to higher food prices caused by last summer's North American drought and higher costs for imported goods caused by a weaker dollar.

Increase

"We went through what I would call an inflationary scare," Sprinkel told reporters as he released a report reviewing the state of the US economy.

Last week the government reported the CPI rose 0.4 per cent in August. Consumer prices rose by four per cent for the 12 months ended on Aug 31, but rose by an annual rate of 4.6 per cent for the first eight months of 1988 against 4.4 per cent for all of 1987, the Labour Department said.

Financial markets have been concerned that the US economy has been growing too rapidly and in danger of overheating which could increase the inflation rate.

The administration is anxious to calm such inflationary fears in a presidential election year. Concern about inflation has translated into higher interest rates throughout the economy.

In response to this concern, the US central bank, the Federal Reserve, has nudged up interest rates in order to slow the surprisingly strong economy. On Aug 9 the Fed raised its key discount rate, the interest it charges banks for loans, to 6.5 per cent from six per cent.

Higher US interest rates have also helped strengthen the value of the US dollar.

Sprinkel said US economic growth now has slowed to a non-inflationary level.

Robust

The economy grew by three per cent in the second quarter of 1988 after expanding by a more robust 3.4 per cent during the first three months of the year.

Sprinkel said he was not happy with a four-per cent inflation rate, but added he saw no reason for it to accelerate.

"We cannot have exploding inflation unless you step on the accelerator on the fiscal and monetary side, and we are not doing that," he said.

He said the Reagan administration had no plans to increase federal spending and the Federal Reserve was following a strategy designed to bring inflation under control gradually.

"Our objective from the beginning has been to pull it on down to zero," he said.

Jordanian dinar slips

AMMAN, Sept. 28, (Reuter): The Jordanian dinar slipped against the dollar today, trading almost eight per cent below the price set by the Central Bank, apparently due to a shortage of foreign currencies in local markets.

Dealers and moneychangers said the dollar was fetching up to 410 fils at times, compared to the officially quoted buy rate of 380.

On Tuesday, the US currency was selling for 408.5 fils in the informal market.

Hamid to succeed Pande in Bahrain



Girija Pande

GIRIJA PANDE, director of Grindlays International Ltd. OBU, Bahrain, has been transferred to Bombay as general manager of banking services for India. Grindlays Bank, Bombay after a 2-1/2 year stint in Bahrain.

Grindlays Bank (a member of ANZ banking group) is one of the oldest and largest foreign banks in India with over 50 branches in 14 major centres of the country.

Pande was posted in Seoul and Hong Kong offices of the bank before coming to Bahrain.

Development

Grindlays has operated in the Middle East for many years and is represented in many GCC countries, Jordan and Pakistan.

Azhar Hamid, who will succeed Pande in Bahrain, was the bank's deputy general manager in Pakistan.

With 14 branches in the major cities in Pakistan (foreign banks are permitted no more than three branches), Grindlays Bank is the only foreign bank represented in



Azhar Hamid

all the provinces.

Operating in the subcontinent for over 126 years, Grindlays Bank has been actively associated with the economic development of Pakistan since its independence in 1947.

The bank in Pakistan also played a pioneering role in the Islamisation of the banking system and is the only commercial bank to have been permitted to float a Modaraba (Islamic Unit Trust) which the bank did most successfully last year.

The Modaraba public issue of US\$ 4.2 million was heavily oversubscribed, particularly from the Gulf region from where non-resident Pakistanis tendered more than US\$ 35 million.

This public issue created an all-time record in the history of Pakistan's Stock Exchange.

Hamid was directly involved in this transition of Pakistan's banking system. He has been with the bank for 26 years and has served in various locations in Pakistan and London.

World Business Summary

Court upholds EEC right to punish non-EEC firms

LUXEMBOURG, Sept. 28, (AP): The European Court of Justice, in what was hailed as a landmark ruling, today upheld the right of the European Economic Community to punish non-EEC firms for violating its fair trade rules. The court upheld the legal basis on which the EEC commission decided in 1984 to fine 15 US, Canadian and Finnish makers of wood-pulp which is used to make paper. A senior EEC commission lawyer said the ruling was important as it let the EEC combat the price policies of international cartels based outside the EEC that distort trade within the EEC. He said the commission has long struggled with the question of its powers in these matters. "We can live with this (territoriality) criterion which has been established by the court," said the lawyer, who asked not to be named. The court said the commission rightly applied the EEC's fair trade rules even though the firms fined are not EEC companies. It said between 1975 and 1981 these cartels used to fix prices "to restrict free competition within the Common Market." The fines ranged from \$54,500 to \$545,000 and were imposed on 41 US, Canadian, Finnish, Swedish, Norwegian, Portuguese and Spanish firms and two trade associations. Only nine US and six Canadian firms and the Pulp, Paper and Paperboard Association and Fincell, the US and Finnish trade groups, took the matter to court. They argued that by applying its fair trade rules to firms outside the EEC, the Community violated international law. But the court ruled "the manufacturers implemented their price accord within the Common Market. The competence of the Community to apply its competition rules to such behaviour is covered by the territoriality principle that is universally recognised under international law." The commission lawyer said the court used the "effects doctrine" as favoured by the United States in its anti-trust policy. The rulings of the Court of Justice, the EEC High Court, are final and become EEC law in all member states as soon as they are issued.



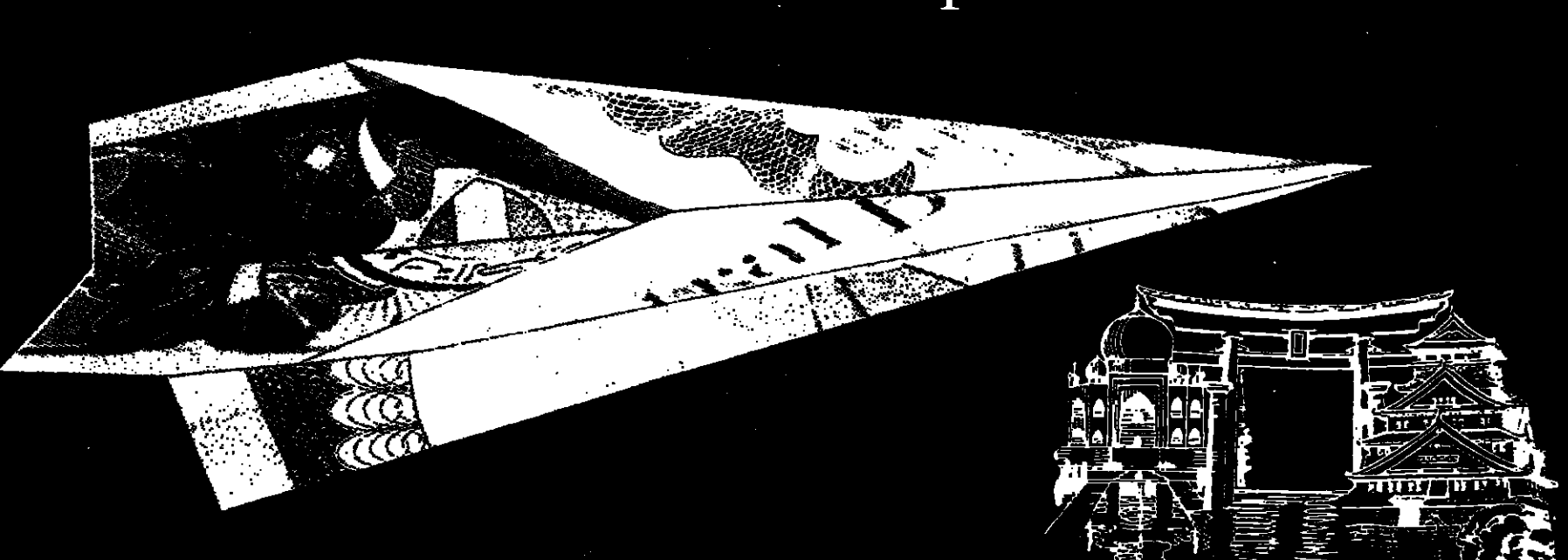
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CINCEP/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25	JORDAN DAIRY		
DAR AL SAABA PRESS			JORDAN FILM BANK	1.17	1.17
DAR AL SHAM DV/INV.			JORDAN FILM INS.	0.94	0.95
DARCI (INVEST/PROD.			JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85	13.95
FINANCE/CREDIT/ACQ			JORDAN ISLAMIC BANK	1.61	1.61
GRANGE OWNERS OFF	3.55	3.95	JORDAN KAMAT BANK		
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63	JORDAN TANNING	1.95	1.97
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.31	1.31	LIVESTOCK/POULTRY		
GENERAL MINING.	1.76	1.75	MACH/EGG/RENT/MAIN		
HIMMEN MINERALS	0.35	0.35	MAS INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73
HOLY LAND INS.	1.35	1.30	MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.60	0.60
IND./WATCH JEMCO			MIDDEL EAST INS	60.00	60.00
INDUSTRIAL DEV/BNK	1.51	1.50	MINERALS RESEARCH	0.55	0.61
INDSTRY/COM/AGRI			NAT.FIN.INVEST CO		
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75	NAT/CAREL/WIRE/PH	1.00	1.00
INTERM.COM/INV			NATIONAL AHLIA INS	0.39	0.38
IRSID ELECTRICITY	0.86	0.86	NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.68	0.67
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64	NATIONAL STEEL		
ITERMED/PETRI/CH			ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
J.TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79	0.80	PETRA BANK	1.90	1.90
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29	PETRA JOR.INS.	0.35	0.35
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	14.00	14.00	PHILADELPHIA INS.		
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR			PIRAFA INDUSTRIAL	0.75	0.75
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.01	25.05	REAL ESTATE INV.	0.42	0.42
JOR ELECTRIC POWER			SHIPPING LINES	0.85	0.85
JOR FINANCE HOUSE			SPINNING WEVING		
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	0.86	0.87	THE MORGAN BANK		
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	2.30	UNITED INSURANCE	0.98	0.98
JOR INDUSTRY CHEN.			UNIVERSAL CHEN.IND		
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20	UNIVERSAL INS.	0.69	0.65
			WOLMEN INDUSTRIES	0.68	0.68
			YARMOUK INSURANCE		

Currency rates

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.28773	0.28927
Stg.	0.48281	0.48626
D.m	0.15313	0.15419
S. fr.	0.18074	0.18204
F fr	0.04497	0.04535
It lira	0.0002055	0.0002075
Japan yen	0.0021393	0.0021552
Bh. dinar	0.766328	0.768246
UAE dh.	0.078491	0.078687
S. ryal	0.076940	0.077132
Qat. ryal	0.079159	0.079357
Om. ryal	0.749387	0.751263

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local inter-bank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait, yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6-11/16	7-1/8
3 months	6-9/16	7
6 months	6-7/16	6-7/8
1 year	6-3/8	6-13/16

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR				BC-A	68.00	69.00
STOCK	BUY	OPEN		LC-A	.41	.42
AC-A	9.00	9.10		LC-B	.42	.43
ANS	2.24	2.28		PK-A	.29	.30
FER-A	2.08	2.10		PK-B	.31	.32
GLO	31.50	32.00	32.00			.31
PLDT	207.00	208.00	208.00			
SPSI-A	2.18		2.18	011	SECTOR	
SNC-A	139.00	140.00	139.00	BP-A	.012	.013
SNC-B	227.00	230.00	227.00	BP-B	.013	.014
				LRC-A	.0026	.003
				LRC-B	.0028	
MINING SECTOR				OPW-A	.026	.027
APX-A	.022	.023	.022	OPW-B	.027	.029
APX-B	.022	.023		OV-A	.023	.024
AT-A	17.75	18.25	18.25	OV-B	.024	.025

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE	NITSUS CP	1090	1070
AJJIMONOTO	2760	2760	NITSUS EL	1020	1030
AKAI ELEC	555	550	NITSUS EST	2370	2350
AOKI	955	924	NITSUS HVB	980	960
ASAKI GLS	1940	1920	NITSU CO	844	814
ASAKI OPT	621	630	NITSUKOSHI	1760	1740
BANK TOKYO	1530	1530	NITSUNI EL	990	986
BRIDGESTON	1290	1260	NICHCON	1220	1240
CANON	1420	1420	NIMON CRMT	840	790
CASIO COMP	1410	1420	NIKKO SEC	1670	1670
CHUGAI PHM	1520	1520	NIP ELEC	2010	1980
CITIZEN W	826	829	NIP KOKKAN	820	810
D-ICHI KAN	2870	2840	NIP OIL	1120	1060
DAI NIP IK	805	810	NIP STEEL	811	807
DAI NIP PT	2650	2650	NIP SUZEN	745	765
DAI NIP SEC	990	990	NIS MOTOR	1230	1200
DAI NIP TEL	2810	2810	NISU SEC	3250	3200
DAIKI H	1990	1890	OHBA CO	845	840
DAIWA SEC	2220	2130	OLYMPIUS	1146	1170
DEBRA MFG	918	900	PENTA OCA	880	847
DEISAI	1900	1890	PIONEER	3450	3490
FUITSU	1720	1740	RENOMAN	890	881
FUJI BANK	3090	3070	RICON	1200	1220
FUJI PHOTO	3300	3340	SANKYO	1960	1940
FUJISAMA	1700	1720	SANYO ELEC	700	718
FUJITA CP	744	710	SEIYU ST	1980	2070
HITACHI	1680	1700	SEKISUI PB	1680	1640
HONDA MOT	2140	2080	SHARP	1100	1100
ISSETAN	2090	2050	SHISEIDO	1620	1650
KATO YOKADO	3910	3970	SONY	6640	6640
MIAP SYN RU	1040	990	SUMITOMO	1020	996
JAPANI AIR	13500	13300	TAISEI	1020	955
JAPANI MET	610	597	TAISHO HRN	1100	1070
KAJIMA	1530	1410	TAKEIDA CH	2510	2520
KANSAI EL	3040	2950	TEIJIN	778	765
KAO SOAP	1660	1650	TO NEW IX	133.46	116.81
KAWASAKI H	700	699	TOKIO MRN	1890	1810
KAWASAKI S	910	910	TOKYO ELEC	1050	1030
KUBIKI BREV	1760	1790	TOKYO GAS	1410	1390
KOBAYASHI	169	169	TOKYO POMR	5840	5660
KOMATSU LTD	847	807	TORAY IND	865	821
KYOCERA	5230	5280	TOHSHA EL	1170	1170
MAKITA EL	1580	1580	TOYOTA MOT	1920	1960
MARUI	2880	2950	TOYO KODGY	690	670
MATSUTA EI	2490	2500	TOYOTA MOT	2610	2590
MATSUTA EL	0	2660	YAMAHA	1330	1320
MEIJI SEIK	940	940	YAMATCHI	1750	1610
			YAMAMOUCHI	3990	3950
			YAWAZAKI	1350	1360

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE HIGHER IN BRISK, BROADER TRADE
TOKYO, SEPT 28, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED SHARPLY
HIGHER, SUPPORTED THROUGHOUT THE DAY BY BRISK TRADE AND MORE
PARTICIPANTS, AMID CONTINUED OPTIMISM AT THE START OF THE BIG
BROKERS' NEW FISCAL YEAR, BROKERS SAID.

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
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STOCK	LAST	PR	CLSE
N TUNNEL	15.20	15.20	
HELMING K	7.15	7.15	
INTIMA GAS	15.90	15.90	
INTIMA P	15.60	15.60	
INTIMA NOTR	21.20	21.20	
OSGOS PROP	2.70	2.70	
PERGO IND	.47	.49	
R EAST C	.69	.70	
N ORIENT	0	44.00	
C DEVELOP	8.40	8.50	
S INDEX	449.75	466.27	
UNG LUNG	4.85	4.92	
UNG SENG	27.20	27.00	
M PAR BR	9.05	9.05	
C ELEC CO	6.80	6.80	
KOALCON	7.70	7.70	
LAND CO	8.00	8.10	
SHAN BK	3.90	5.95	
SHAN HT	4.25	4.22	
TELE CO	5.00	5.05	
TELECOM MIAM	8.15	8.30	
ED PAC	10.90	11.50	
R DRINE M	13.00	13.10	
MALOON H	8.40	8.55	
W WORLD	10.80	10.80	
WORLD JULY	2.60	2.67	
Y DEV	6.50	6.50	
H K CO	1.83	1.84	
H PROP	10.50	10.60	
H DARGY	2.27	2.30	
TELUX MFC	2.70	2.70	
IERE PAC	17.20	17.20	
V B CO	13.30	13.30	
I CHEUNG	3.50	3.55	
ION BANK	1.50	1.50	
ORD HARK	0	7.25	
ORD HARK	0	1.15	
BLD INTL	3.67	3.75	

HONG KONG, SEPT 28, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CONTINUED TO DRIFT LOWER IN SLUGGISH TRADE, BROKERS SAID.

THE HANG SENG INDEX ENDED 16.52 POINTS LOWER AT 2,449.75, WHILE THE BROADER-BASED HONG KONG INDEX SHED 10.88 TO 1,612.88.

TURNOVER TOTALLED 336.45 MLN H.K. DLSR AGAINST TUESDAY'S 309.20 MLN DLSR.

A LOCAL BROKER SAID THE RESTRUCTURING PLAN OF AMOY PROPERTIES AND LOCAL PROPERTIES ANNOUNCED ON TUESDAY IS EXPECTED TO BE FOLLOWED BY A FUND-RAISING PLAN TO TAP THE MARKET, WHICH DEPRESSED SENTIMENT THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

SINGAPORE STOCKS CLOSE FIRMER IN QUIET TRADE
SINGAPORE, SEPT. 28, REUTER - SHARE PRICES REBOUNDED ACROSS
THE BOARD ON LIGHT BUYING SUPPORT AND SCATTERED BARGAIN
HUNTING AFTER RECENT FALLS, BUT TRADE WAS QUIET, BROKERS SAID.
THEY SAID THE IMPROVED SENTIMENT FOLLOWED A 252.45 POINT
RISE IN THE NIKKEI CLOSING INDEX FOLLOWING A 165.81 POINT GAIN
ON TUESDAY.
THE STRAITS TIMES INDUSTRIAL INDEX ROSE 8.02 POINTS TO
1,050.30 FROM TUESDAY'S 1,022.28 FINISH.
ADVANCES OUTNUMBERED DECLINES BY 144 TO 18.
TURNOVER TOTALLED 157.5 MILLION SHARES COMPARED WITH TUESDAY'S
113.9 MILLION.

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE	NESTLE PS	1210	1230
BAER NDGS	12950	12800	OE BUENR I	310.0	315.00
BAILOFEE PS	2225	2275	OE BUENR P	300.0	302.00
RBC I A	2460	2480	ROCHE BABY	12725	12800
RK LEU I	2850	2920	ROCHE I	1000	2500
RK LEU N	2550	2575	RUECKVER I	12500	12500
RK LEU PS	410	408	RUECKVER N	6125	6130
CFV	0	1180	RUECKVER P	1910	1930
CIB GEIG I	3310	3300	RY TR BK	1220	1225
CIB GEIG N	1630	1630	S BNKGSGL I	3235	3250
CIB GEIG P	2280	2275	S BNKGSGL N	585	589
CKW	1250	1250	S BNKGSGL P	114.50	115.50
CRED SUI I	2650	2645	S BNKVRN I	373	376
CRED SUI N	474	474	S BNKVRN P	283.00	283.00
EG LAUFEN	1800	1800		301	302
ELEKTROJAT	2830	2850	SANDOX I	12300	12325
EMS CHEM I	3625	3700	SANDOX N	5565	5565
GLOBUS I	7250	7250	SANDOX PS	1970	1985
GLOBUS N	6400	6400	SULZER N	4975	5000
GLOBUS PS	1220	1200	SULZER PS	483	485
JACOBS S I	7725	7710	SVB	1680	1680
JACOBS S N	725	1330	SWISSAIR	1155	1170
JACOBS S P	640	637	SWISSAIR N	1000	1000
JELM I	2790	2800	M THUR I	5675	5675
JELM PS	385	385	M THUR N	2725	2710
LANDIS N	1365	1370	M THUR PS	720	720
LANDIS PS	123.00	125.00	ZURCH I	5800	5775
MERCK I	800	809	ZURICH N	2630	2630
			ZURICH PS	1925	1930

ABU DHABI, Sept. 28, (Reuters): Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Rahim Al Chalabi was quoted today as saying Iraq was ready to join a new OPEC agreement on quotas after all problems on production and prices were resolved.

He also told the official United Arab Emirates news agency WAM that Iraq would attend the upcoming joint meeting of the OPEC price committee and long-term strategy committee.

His current tour to discuss Iraq's quota if OPEC revised other standing issues.

"We have agreed to discuss Iraq's quota if OPEC completed revision of other standing issues related to quotas, production, prices and quality of crudes and the members' positions towards them," he said.

Asked about Iraq's demand for parity with Iran's quota of 2.365 million BPD now that the two countries were engaged in

He said Iraq's quota was not the main problem facing the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).
"There are other problems

Al Chalabi said Iraq's current production level of 2.7 million barrels per day (BPD) should be discussed along with the other issues.

Production "Iraq's production level has not changed since last September and is not the cause of the price decline," he said.

Al Chalabi, ending his trip to the UAE after earlier visiting Kuwait and Qatar, said he had agreed with oil ministers during

Condensates are light hydrocarbons which liquefy after reaching ground level and are excluded from OPEC production quotas.

Some members try to evade organisation discipline by registering certain types of crude oils as condensates.

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Dollar weakens

Sterling firm, London stocks steady

LONDON, Sept. 28, (Reuters). The pound sterling firmed today after Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson said a policy of devaluing the currency would not be suitable to deal with Britain's current account deficit and inflation.

The dollar ended a shade weaker in London at 1.8780 marks and 134.25 Japanese yen today against 1.8790 and 134.45 on Tuesday night. It touched 1.8805 in late European business. "With the dollar going nowhere, people have to look elsewhere. Sterling is where the high yields are and it's looking very well supported," one Frankfurt dealer said.

"Dealers don't know which way to respond," said currency analyst Tim Fox for Barclays bank. "But the dollar has lost some of its attraction after Central Bank intervention."

Reason
The dollar was quoted in Europe at midday at 1.8790 West German marks and 134.25 Japanese yen against closes of 1.8790 and 134.45 in London on Tuesday night.

Dealers said, however, there was no convincing reason to sell

dollars heavily. Many economists and currency analysts are predicting it will trade in a narrow range against other major currencies until the US presidential election on November 8.

The pound touched highs of \$1.6865 and 3.1628 West German marks after Lawson's remarks to a news briefing in West Berlin before speaking to the International Monetary Fund/World Bank annual meeting. The British currency had closed at 1.6785 and 3.1544 in London on Tuesday.

Lawson said macro-economic policy has to be geared to bearing down on inflation, rather than the current account.

Price

The attraction of British bank base interest rates, now standing at 12 percent after being as low as 7.5 percent last June, also underpinned the pound, dealers said.

Gold was fixed in London this morning at \$397.65 an ounce against a close of \$394.50 on Tuesday night.

Crude oil prices were a little firmer with Brent blend from Britain's North Sea quoted

around \$12.90 a barrel.

Earlier on the Tokyo Stock Market, the Nikkei Average rose 252.45 points, or 0.92 percent, to 27,752.01. Concern about the health of Emperor Hirohito held some institutions back from trading.

The Australian National Share Market closed barely steady and off the day's highs in extremely dull trading, brokers said. The All Ordinaries index was just 0.5 points up at 1,545.4.

In London share prices were steady in quiet late afternoon business, trading just below the earlier highs on the day after a weak start, dealers said.

Business

The rise to the day's highs largely reflected fresh speculative interest, with Allied Lyons up 19p to 467 on turnover of 8.1 million shares. A 305p per share bid by Cable and Wireless for Telephone Rentals (TR) added to the bid talk. Cable and Wireless was up 3p to 388, while TR jumped to 331p from yesterday's 211 close. Cable's bid values TR at £283.8 million.

By 1447 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was up 7.4 points to 1,815.4 after a high of 1,817.8 at 1208 GMT.

A lot of today's business has been between the market makers," one dealer said, adding, "it looks as though people want to get money on their favourites before the race starts — no-one wants to get left behind if the market does take off."

Another dealer said a significant proportion of the recent share volume reflected bid situations. Without last week's rejected Minorco bid for Consolidated Gold Fields, the stake building and management buyout talk surrounding Lonrho and the Allied Lyons speculation, recent volume could have been a lot lower, dealers said. Wall Street has been mixed this week and had little impact on shares here.

Advance

Traders said the advance in Allied Lyons today reflected a resurgence of rumours which prompted strong gains in the company's shares last Friday. Allied's shares have risen from 420p since the close of business last Thursday.

There is speculation that either seven per cent shareholder bond

corp of Australia has been building up its stake or that the holding has been sold to US Brewer Anheuser-Busch as a prelude to a possible bid. Some 8.1 million Allied shares were traded today.

Consolidated Gold Fields shares were up another 40p to 1,315 as speculators awaited developments in Minorco's around 1,300p per share bid. Minorco is due to post its offer document soon.

Trusthouse Forte shares were barely affected by a Deutsche bank denial of rumours it was leading a group of European banks to finance a bid for the company. The shares rose 5p to 266 with some 6.7 million shares changing hands by the afternoon.

Reed was up 16p to 419 while Pearson was up at 765 after 771. Pearson has recently been strong on speculation Reed might make a bid or that News Corp might try to re-establish its share holding at over 20 pct after Pearson's share swap with elsewhere.

Dealers said the movement in Reed reflected a large buying order in a relatively thin market for the shares.

Japan wants to reduce role of dollar

WEST BERLIN, Sept. 28, (Reuters). Japan, worried by the dollar's free-fall late last year, is pushing to reduce the role of the US currency in world monetary affairs.

The idea is backed by France but is meeting resistance from other major countries.

Japanese officials say that Japan, its foreign exchange reserves bulging, banks at the prospect it might have to buy unwanted dollars in the future.

It might have to do that, to help prop up the currency in which most of the world does business, if markets decided the dollar was a bad investment bet, sold it and sent it tumbling.

Response

The response to those fears came at the meeting of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank here.

Bank of Japan Governor Sato-shi Sumita urged that the IMF's quasi-currency, the Special Drawing Right (SDR), be made into an easily usable international reserve currency.

His notion was similar to an appeal by French Finance Minister Pierre Bérégovoy.

Delegates said, the concerns of Japan, now a financial superpower and the biggest creditor nation, are being taken seriously, though other major countries have reservations.

Nigel Lawson, Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer, was doubtful.

"There has been a lot of talk about substituting the SDR for the dollar. It hasn't come to anything and I don't believe it is

likely to do so," he told a news conference.

His West German counterpart, Gerhard Stoltenberg, said it was unrealistic that the SDR could take over a bigger role.

"Most industrial countries think there is no real concept for a new (monetary) system, and we would lose some of the advantages of the current system," he told journalists.

The new US Treasury Secretary, Nicholas Brady, did not directly discuss this issue, but US policy in the past has been opposed to anything which could give America less leverage in monetary affairs.

Pact

Sumita signalled Japan's opposition to any exchange rate pact that could leave it stuck with unwanted dollars, though one official emphasised that was not a worry at the moment.

Speaking in what some delegates said was economic code language, Sumita said a system of "ranges" or "bands" for currency would require "full consideration of asset settlement."

A senior Japanese official illustrated the point by noting that the United States is under no obligation to exchange the dollars Japan buys in the foreign exchange markets into gold, SDRs or other currencies.

Until such obligations for all countries were established, Japan would be opposed to any system that would require it to intervene in exchange markets to defend fixed currency ranges; the senior official said.

Japan has previously shown its concern about holding a currency vulnerable to major declines by suggesting the United States issue non-dollar denominated bonds to overseas investors to help finance its budget deficit. Washington has rejected that.

Both Japanese and European officials argue that because the dollar is a key reserve currency, the United States has been able to borrow from abroad in its own currency and thus avoid the financial discipline imposed on the world's other big debtor nations.

Japanese officials have privately expressed concern in the past about what they considered at times rather cavalier approach to the dollar by the US administration.

They were particularly worried by the frequent attempts by US officials, including former US Treasury Secretary James Baker, to talk down the dollar and thus force changes in Japanese and West German economic policies.

Drop

To slow the dollar's drop, Japan intervened frequently in the currency markets, often without the help of other nations.

But now an increasing number of Japanese policymakers and big businessmen are coming to recognise the value of a strong yen in holding down inflation.

One Japanese official said the Group of Seven (G-7) may have decided to be vague about the dollar in its weekend statement to avoid disagreements about where it should head.

Iran offers Brazil more oil for economic help

BRASILIA, Sept. 28, (Reuters). Iran is prepared to boost oil exports to Brazil in return for help in rebuilding the Iranian economy after the Gulf war with Iraq, Brazilian Foreign Ministry officials said today.

In a speech on Monday night, Iranian Industry Minister Gholamreza Shafiei said Iran wanted to boost the value of trade between the two countries to \$1.5 billion from \$550 million a year now, the official said.

In return for Brazilian help, Tehran was prepared to boost oil exports to Brazil from around 60,000 barrels per day (BPD) to 150,000 BPD, the officials quoted Shafiei as saying.

Shafiei made his speech to a new joint ministerial commission set up to study co-operation between Iran and Brazil.

Talks

The three days of talks, due to end later today, are the first held by the commission. Another round of talks is due to be held in Iran next year.

The Brazilian officials said the current talks would explore possible commercial links between the two countries, but no formal decisions on trade were expected.

Brazil, the developing world's biggest debtor owing around \$120 billion, expects a trade surplus of \$17 billion this year.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Sept. 28, (Reuters). The share market closed barely steady in dull trading unaffected by the higher-than-expected August current account deficit of \$1.39 billion. The All-Ordinaries index closed just 0.5 points up at 1,545.4.

TOKYO—Prices closed sharply higher in brisk trading amid optimism at the start of big brokers' new fiscal year. The Nikkei index rose 252.45 points, 0.92 percent, to 27,752.01.

HONG KONG—Shares drifted lower in sluggish trade. The Hang Seng index ended 16.52 points lower at 2,449.75.

SINGAPORE—Shares rebounded across the board on light buying support and scattered bargain hunting after recent falls, but trade was quiet. The Straits Times industrial index rose 8.02 points to 1,030.30.

BOMBAY—Market closed due to strike action.

FRANKFURT—Shares eased across the board in quiet business, unsettled by renewed worries over possible interest rate rises in the United States brought on by a fall in US bond prices. The 30-share DAX index stood 6.28 points lower at 1,242.08.

PARIS—Shares were slightly higher, with attention focused on construction group Bouygues amid talk the Bouygues family was buying its own shares to preempt a bid. The 50-share-bourse indicator was 0.33 percent up.

ZURICH—Shares closed barely steady on low turnover in the wake of weaker trend on Wall Street. Investors were generally cautious. The All-Share Swiss index closed 2.9 points lower at 906.2.

LONDON—Shares were steady in quiet late business, trading just below the earlier highs of the day after a weak start. At 1447 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was 7.4 points up at 1,815.4.

NEW YORK—Stocks edged higher in slow trading. The Dow was up four at 2,086 and declining issues narrowly outnumbered gainers.

Reagan vetoes textile bill

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28, (AP). President Reagan today vetoed legislation tightening curbs on textile, apparel and shoe imports. He called the bill "protectionism at its worst."

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Reagan vetoed the bill as soon as it arrived from Capitol Hill.

The President had said he would reject the bill, intended to protect American industries against foreign competition. The measure won final congressional approval last Friday, but without the two-thirds margin needed to override the president's veto.

Reagan, in a statement released by the White House, charged that the measure "would have disastrous effects on the US economy."

"It would impose needless costs on American consumers, threaten jobs in our export industries, jeopardise our overseas farm sales, and undermine our efforts to obtain a more open trading system for US exports," the president said.

"This bill represents protectionism at its worst. At a time when American exports are booming, the United States must not embark on a course that would diminish our trade opportunities."

Asked about possible repercussions of the veto on Vice-President George Bush's election effort in the South, where even some staunch Republicans had backed the bill, Fitzwater replied, "It's our belief that, politics aside, protectionism is the issue here."

The bill would:

— Freeze textile and apparel imports at 1987 levels this year and limit growth to 1 per cent annually starting in January.

— Freeze imports of non-rubber footwear with no provision for increases.

— Impose import quotas on 180 categories of textile products and 30 types of footwear, a system that would be reviewed after 10 years.

— Set up a one-year programme under which the government would auction off import licenses

and set a special quota for silk neckties.

Anticipating a veto, Congressman Butler Derrick of South Carolina said on Friday that he anticipated Congress would mount an effort to override Reagan's veto in the first week of October.

Fitzwater said today he was confident the veto would not be overridden.

Votes

The House approved the bill on a vote of 245-150 on Friday, about 40 votes shy of the necessary two-thirds majority needed for a veto-override. Earlier this month, the Senate approved the measure 59-36.

To become law, a bill must be approved by a majority of both Houses of Congress and be approved by the president. If the president vetoes a bill, Congress may override his decision with the two-thirds majority.

A president can allow a bill to become law by neither signing it nor vetoing it. Such a "pocket veto" is used for various political reasons.

Libyan-Tunisian ties bring tourists, trade and contacts

TUNIS, Sept. 28, (Reuters). An influx of Libyans into Tunisia has brought new sounds, sights and economic benefits to this North African country.

A Libyan-Tunisian rapprochement means, for example, that the voices of both Tunisians and Libyans can be heard on local phone-in programmes here, and that the streets of Tunis are full of cars bearing Libyan revolutionary green number-plates.

Since the two neighbours restored relations last December, Libyans have been swarming across the border in hundreds of thousands, mostly for pleasure.

And tens of thousands of Tunisians have gone to Libya in search of work or business opportunities.

Roaring

Hotels are full on the island of Jerba, close to the Libyan border. Tunisian car repair shops in the south are doing a roaring trade with Libyans who may have waited months to get their vehicles fixed at home, travellers say.

Libyan truckers have been

cleaning out the fruit and vegetable markets in the south and going straight to the farmers, driving up prices as far north as the capital, the travellers add.

In Tunis itself, up to one car in 10 in any line of traffic may bear the distinct green Libyan plates. Most are from the western regions of Libya but some are from Benghazi, a 1,600-km (1,000-mile) drive away.

Speeding

The Tunisian government estimates that one million Libyans will visit this year, compared with 7,000 in 1987. The amount they are spending has already helped bring Tunisia's foreign reserves up to record levels, according to official figures.

Politically, relations could hardly be more friendly given the profound contrast between a Tunisian government committed to Western-style multi-party democracy and a Libyan leadership which maintains that such systems are a sham.

"Now we speak the same language, draw the same analysis and we have the same preoccupa-

tions... there's enormous potential for historic action," said Major Abdel Salam Jalloud, Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi's second-in-command, during a visit to Tunis last week.

Tunisian officials avoid rhetorical flourishes of this type but none have shown any hesitation in accepting the embrace of a country which Tunisia's Western allies continue to distrust and with which former Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba broke relations in 1985 after a long dispute over migrant workers.

Saved

Libya had demanded that Tunisian workers in Libya accept "Arab" or Libyan nationality and expelled tens of thousands who refused. Many lost all the money they had saved and all the valuable goods they had bought during their stay in Libya.

Notices have appeared in the Tunisian newspapers over the past month inviting the expelled workers to present their receipts at border posts for compensation.

Citibank offers new services to NRIs

CITIBANK, in the forefront of banks offering services to Non-Resident Indians, has come out with yet another product to cater to the needs of NRIs.

Citilife Extra, tailored specifically for the Middle East market, is an insurance-linked time deposit that offers multiple advantages to a customer, says Jolly Zachariah, Personal Accounts Manager.

A depositor gets among the highest tax-free returns in the world on his deposit. In addition, he also gets a very low cost insurance cover for life and medical expenses.

"The medical insurance feature is unique to Citibank," says Zachariah. For a low premium of US\$ 85-120 per annum depending on age, a depositor can get a benefit of up to US\$ 100 per day of hospitalisation. In addition, he can also get covered for life insurance up to twice the maturity value of the deposit.

The procedure is very simple. There is no need for a medical check-up, and a few simple questions on the application form is all that a customer has to answer.

Insurance-linked time deposits are not new to Citibank. Citilife Plus, launched in July 1986, caters to the life insurance needs of a depositor, and has met with tremendous response from the NRIs. With medical insurance also added, Citilife Extra is now a comprehensive package.

The policies have been underwritten by American Life Insurance Co. (ALICO) on a group insurance basis so that the depositor gets the advantage of very low premiums.

NRIs can start opening Citilife Extra accounts, and more information can be obtained from Citibank India Investments.

New international award for engineering and technology

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28, (AP). The National Academy of Engineering today announced the establishment of a new international award for achievement in engineering and technology that it hopes will become as well-known and respected as the Nobel prizes.

"This award is designed to focus worldwide attention on the critical role that engineering and technology play in improving the quality of everyday life," Robert M. White, the academy's president, said in announcing the award after engineering pioneer Charles Stark Draper.

Draper developed the theory and invented the technology of inertial guidance systems now universally used in aircraft, submarines, missiles and space vehicles.

White noted that "our society tends to reward the discoverer of basic scientific principles but overlook the engineer who puts that principle into practice in products and services that yield societal and economic benefits."

"We hope that in years to come, the Charles Stark Draper prize will be just as well-known and respected an award in engineering as the Nobel prizes are today for chemistry, physics and medicine," he said.

According to White, the recipient of the first Draper prize — consisting of a gold medal and \$350,000 in prize money — will be announced in October 1989. The award subsequently will be given every two years.

GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Tender No. S 2800

Tender's Internal No. 169/88

Concerned party: Kuwait Oil Company

Requirements: Supply of drilling equipment

Relevant fee: KD50

Initial guarantee: 2% of offer's value

Closing date: 12:00 noon, Sunday, 6.11.88

Tender No. MEW/22/51/88/89

Tender's Internal No. 159/88

Concerned party: Ministry of Elec. & Water

Requirements: Maintenance of grass control equipment in Shuaiba Power Station

Relevant fee: KD20

Initial guarantee: 2 1/2% of offer's value

Closing date: 12:00 noon, Tuesday, 6.11.88

Qualified tenders:

1. Kuwait Shipbuilding & Repairing Co.

2. Ali Mohd Thunian Al Ghanim Co. Ltd.

3. Al Fahed Trdg. & Contg. Co.

4. Middle East Construction Co.

5. Adel Ali Al Hamad Gen. Contg. Co. Ltd.

N.B.: A pre-tender meeting shall be held at 10.00 am on Saturday, 15.10.88 in Shuaiba Power Station to acquaint with the nature of works.

Tender No. MEW/22/51/88/89

Tender's Internal No. 164/88

Concerned party: Ministry of Elec. & Water

Requirements: Cleaning sea water gathering pool in Shuaiba Power Station

Relevant fee: KD20

Initial guarantee: 2 1/2% of offer's value

Closing date: 12:00 Noon, Sunday, 6.11.88

Qualified Tenders:

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2. Ali Mohd Thunian Al Ghanim Co. Ltd.

3. Al Fahed Trdg. & Contg. Co.

4. Middle East Construction Co.

5. Adel Ali Al Hamad Gen. Contg. Co. Ltd.

N.B.: A pre-tender meeting shall be held at 10.00 am on Monday, 17.10.88 in Shuaiba Power Station to acquaint with the nature of works.

Tender No. MEW/22/4/36/88/89

Tender's Internal No. 158/88

Concerned party: Ministry of Elec. & Water

Requirements: Supply of 10 integrated distribution stations

Relevant fee: KD50

Initial guarantee: 2% of offer's value

Closing date: 12:00 noon, Tuesday, 6.11.88

Qualified tenders:

1. N.G.E.C.O. Co. Germany

2. Asea Brown Boveri Co. Swiss

3. Brown Boveri Electrical Company, Kuwait

4. Asea Libr Co. Germany — Kuwait Germany Co.

5. South Wells Transformers Co., England — Sayed Hameed Behbehani & Sons Co.

6. Babcock & Wilcox Co., England — Al Marfa Trdg. Co.

7. N.I. Transformer Co., England — Dakhel Al Jasser

8. Hitachi Co., Japan — Yousef Ahmed Al Ghanim & Sons

9. Mitsubishi Electric Co., Japan — Mohamed Al Ghanim & Sons

10. Al Jaber Trdg. & Contg. Co.

11. N.E.I. Pribles Distribution Transformers Co., England — Equipment Co.

12. Gould Co., America — Motocave Co.

13. Brush Transformer Co., England — Sayed Hameed Behbehani & Sons Co.

14. Westing House Co., America — Dakhel Al Jasser Trdg. & Contg. Co.

15. Poulis Co., Belgium — Al Wazan & Partners Co.

Dear Junior Readers,

Something that many people say they wish for is peace in the world, but sometimes, when I see the cruel and wicked things that people do, I feel that we will never be without wars and fighting because there seems to be something inside some people that makes them enjoy hurting and killing living things. Yes, we all get angry occasionally or feel that we want to get back at someone who has hurt or said something unfair, but these people are not angry about anything (except maybe the fact that they were born stupid), they simply get pleasure out of harming people and animals. It also seems that the more helpless and weak their victims are, the more pleasure these sick people get from frightening and hurting them.

I do hope that your parents and teachers are helping you to understand how terribly wicked it is to behave like this. You in your turn can pass the message on to your children and hopefully in the years to come, we will have a world where peace and brotherhood are not just dreams but realities.

Auntie Joanne

Happy birthday



Venus C. David is celebrating her 4th birthday today. Best wishes and kisses, Venus, from mummy and daddy, brother Sam, baby sister Madonna, godparents Carmeline and John and friends at Carmel School (LKG - C). May Jesus bless you today and always.



Greetings to Cavin Pereira, who is celebrating his 4th birthday today. Love and best wishes, Cavin, from Dad, Mum, sister Clemmie, uncles, grandmother and Godfather.

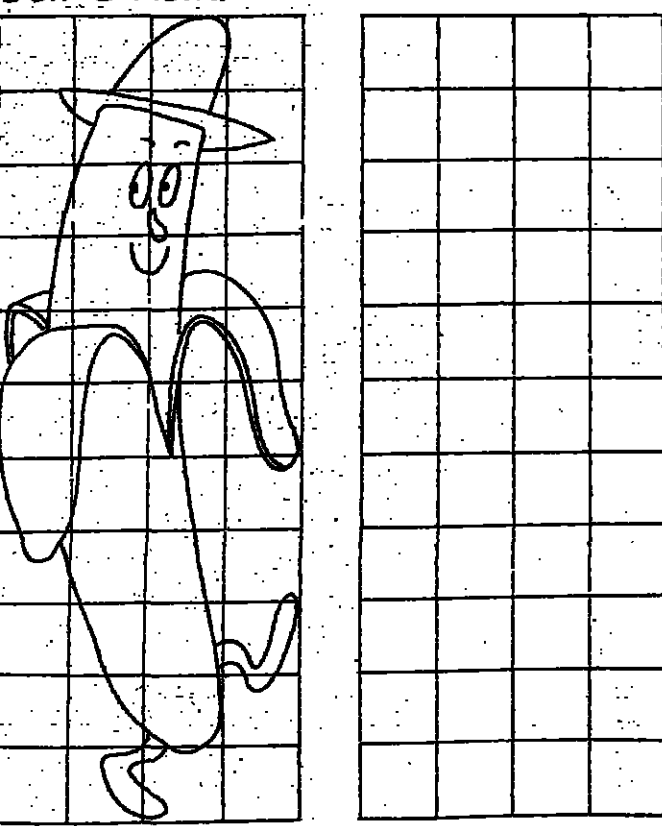
Solution to Tuesday's science quiz

1. They take place at the same time but the speed of light greatly exceeds the speed of sound.
2. (i) Calcium, (ii) Potash.
3. (i) Deuterium, (ii) Oxygen (D₂O).
4. (i) White and blue, (ii) They are both salts.
5. 98.6 Fahrenheit, 36.9 Centigrade.
6. It is a form of insulation. Air is a poor conductor of heat. Therefore a layer of air between two courses of brick helps to retain the heat of the house.
7. It is believed that fluorides in minute proportions increase the resistance of teeth to dental decay. Fluoride—a salt of hydrofluoric acid. Dental decay—dental caries.
8. The acetic acid in vinegar attacks down tissue—organic growth.
9. They are a source of vitamin C, essential for healthy blood vessels and strong bones and teeth. Persons who lack this vitamin may have sore gums, haemorrhage under the skin, and general fatigue.
10. Earth tremors caused by earthquakes or atomic explosions.
11. Albert Einstein—in 1905.
12. Heavy water.
13. Two mirrors are set so that the reflecting surfaces are exactly parallel with each other. They are arranged at an angle of 45 degrees to the axis of the tube. The light rays enter an aperture opposite one mirror and are reflected down the tube to the second mirror. This in turn sends the rays directly to the eye at the bottom aperture of the tube.
14. (i) Excellent conductor of electricity, (ii) Possesses ductility, i.e. can be drawn into thin wires without breaking, (iii) Resists corrosion.
15. Aneroid. It consists of a thin hermetically sealed cylindrical metal box, exhausted of air so that it expands and contracts with changes in the pressure of the atmosphere.
16. Altimeter. An aneroid barometer used for measuring altitude. As the plane flies higher, the atmospheric pressure is decreased and conversely.
17. Bromine (or bromide). Dark red liquid that gives off an unpleasant odour when it evaporates. (From Greek: Bromos = stink).
18. Radar—an electronic device for spotting through fog, cloud, etc.
19. The circulation of the blood.

Solution to 'Six girls': Sylvia, Audrey, Margaret, Pamela, Doreen, May.

Ben Banana

The squares will help you to draw Ben.



All the adjectives have got themselves linked up with the wrong nouns. Can you straighten things out and so form eight natural phrases? All the words must be used.

MERRY NYMPH
PRIZE TOOTH
ROUND MUSIC
SWEET SAUCE
THIRD FIGHT
VOCAL PARTY
WATER ROBIN
WHITE WIDOW

By Rose Fyleman

THERE was once a poor crossing-sweeper whose name was Peter.

He lived rather a long time ago when even in quite big towns the roads were ill-made, so that in bad weather they got terribly muddy and dirty.

In the summer-time he did not have much to do, but there was always dust and paper about, and even in summer it rains sometimes—doesn't it?

He didn't earn a great deal of money.

Some people were too busy to heed him, and some were too selfish, and some too poor to give him anything.

He had, however, a cheerful heart, and managed somehow to make enough to pay the rent and to provide food and clothing for himself and his wife and his little son.

One cold winter's day he had taken rather more pennies than usual and went to get a cup of coffee from a coffee stall not very far from his crossing, before starting on his way home.

He put his broom in a dark corner inside some railings where he often left it if he went away for a few minutes. Now, oddly enough, it happened that someone else had left a broom inside those railings. It was just the same size and shape as his own, and as it was nearly dark he never saw that there were two, and he got hold of the wrong one and went off home with it.

He put it down in the corner of the yard and went into the house to have his tea with his wife and little son.

Early the next morning, as he was getting dressed, he chanced to put his head out of the window.

There was his little son, who was only six years old, playing in the yard with the broom. He had his legs astride it, and was pretending it was a horse.

"Gee-up, gee-up," he said. And really the broom seemed to be prancing and leaping in the strangest way. "Almost as if it were really alive," thought Peter.

And just as he was thinking that, his little son called out: "Now then, up you go. Over the wall, Beauty!"

And would you believe it?—the astonished Peter actually saw the broom rise up, with the boy still astride it, and fly over the wall into the next-door yard.

He rushed downstairs, half-dressed as he was, ran through the gate, and into his neighbour's yard.

There he found his little boy, safe and sound on the ground, still astride the broom, laughing with joy and excitement.

"Good Beauty, good Beauty," he said.

But Peter stood staring in utter astonishment.

"Mother, mother," he called, when he could speak. "Come quick, the broom's bewitched!"

You can imagine what a to-do there was, and how all the neighbours came flocking round to see.

Every one had some different suggestion to make as to how the broom came to be bewitched.

They stood round in a circle looking at it lying in Peter's neighbour's yard, for no one dared to pick it up at first.

But presently Peter plucked up his courage and took hold of it, and seeing that nothing happened to him, his wife took it up in her turn. She turned it round in her hands.

"Why, Peter," she said, "this is not your broom at

The broom



all. Don't you remember the brown burnt mark it got when it fell across the kitchen grate? That mark's not on this broom handle. You've got someone else's broom by mistake."

"It's my belief," said the little dried-up brown cobbler from the end cottage, "it's my belief it's a witch's broom. I'd have nothing to do with it if I were you, Peter. I should advise you put it back where you got it from. Maybe your own broom is still there."

So Peter went off to look for his own broom, but he found it had disappeared.

He brought the other one home again.

"What shall we do?" he said to his wife when he came back. "I can't afford to buy a new broom; but I'm a bit afraid of this one. I dare say it really is a witch's broom. Don't you think it would be best to throw it away?"

But Peter's wife was a careful woman.

"No," she said, "Now we've got it, I reckon we'd better stick to it. It may bring good fortune. Who knows?"

So they kept the broom, and soon it brought them good fortune indeed for they quickly found out

that it went wherever it was told to go by the person sitting astride it.

It was really a most marvellous thing.

Peter and his son went riding on it all day long at first, then other people had a ride; soon the whole neighbourhood knew of Peter's wonderful broom.

Presently it began to bring in money. People who wanted to get anywhere in a hurry would come in and arrange to go on the broom. They paid handsomely. It was so convenient, as you can imagine. And much quicker than any other way, for motor cars and aeroplanes were not yet invented.

Peter began to grow rich. He moved into a bigger house with a little garden in front; he bought new clothes for his wife and the boy; he even talked of going up to London, where he felt sure he would earn more money with the wonderful broom. He no longer swept a crossing, and they had meat for dinner every day, and a whole roast chicken for dinner on Sundays.

The whole town knew about him and his good luck.

Strangers coming into the place would stare in astonishment at the sight of somebody sailing through the air on a broomstick.

"That's Peter's broom," the townsfolk would explain.

"You can hire it out for a shilling an hour if you're lucky enough to find it idle."

One day a great scientist came to stay in Peter's town. He was a very great scientist indeed, and he spent his time finding out things about the moon. He was very much interested in the moon. And when he heard about the broom he went nearly mad with excitement.

"Now I shall be able to go and see what the moon is really like," he said.

Peter wasn't sure whether he liked the idea of the broom making such a long journey; but his wife persuaded him to consent.

"It will take him many hours to get to the moon," she said. "Think what a lot of shillings that will mean. And what harm can he come to?"

So Peter consented, and the scientist set off.

It took him a good long time to reach the moon, and when he got there the very first person he saw was the witch to whom the broom belonged, for, of course, it was a witch's broom, as you will have already guessed.

She was sitting on the very edge of the moon in a very bad temper. You see, it's very annoying for a witch to lose her broom; it is her chief way of getting about, and without it she has to depend either upon friendly lifts or upon whatever witchcraft she can think of to help her.

And a broom is so much simpler.

The minute the scientist alighted she saw that he had come up on her broom.

"You wicked old thief," she said, "how dare you go riding about on it in that brazen way? And me, the rightful owner, crawling all the way up on a miserable moonbeam. How dare you, I will. I'll broom you, you wicked old greybeard!"

The scientist was very frightened indeed, for witches are alarming at the best of times, and when they're angry...

He backed and backed, and before he knew what was happening he had fallen off the edge of the moon, down, down, down—and then, plop into the middle of the sea.

As good luck would have it, he was seen falling by the look-out man on a vessel, and was hauled in and given dry clothes and a hot drink and was not much the worse.

But he was bitterly disappointed.

Of course it was very hard.

Think of having a chance of seeing the moon at close quarters after studying it for years and years from far off, and then being chased off it by an old witch. And it wasn't his fault, either.

He was a nice old scientist. He went back to find Peter and to pay him for the hire of the broom, and to explain what had happened. Of course Peter couldn't blame him. After all, the broom wasn't really his either.

However, thanks to his careful wife, he had already saved enough money to be able to live quite comfortably ever after, so he didn't do so badly after all—did he now?

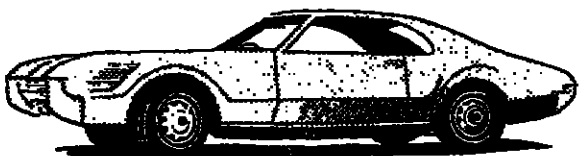
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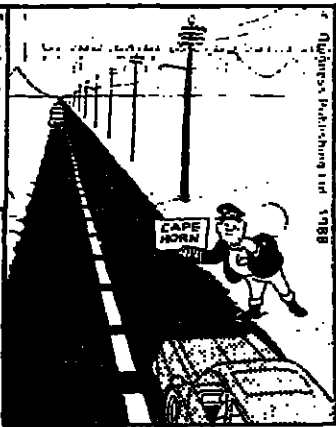
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Drawn by DICK MILLINGTON



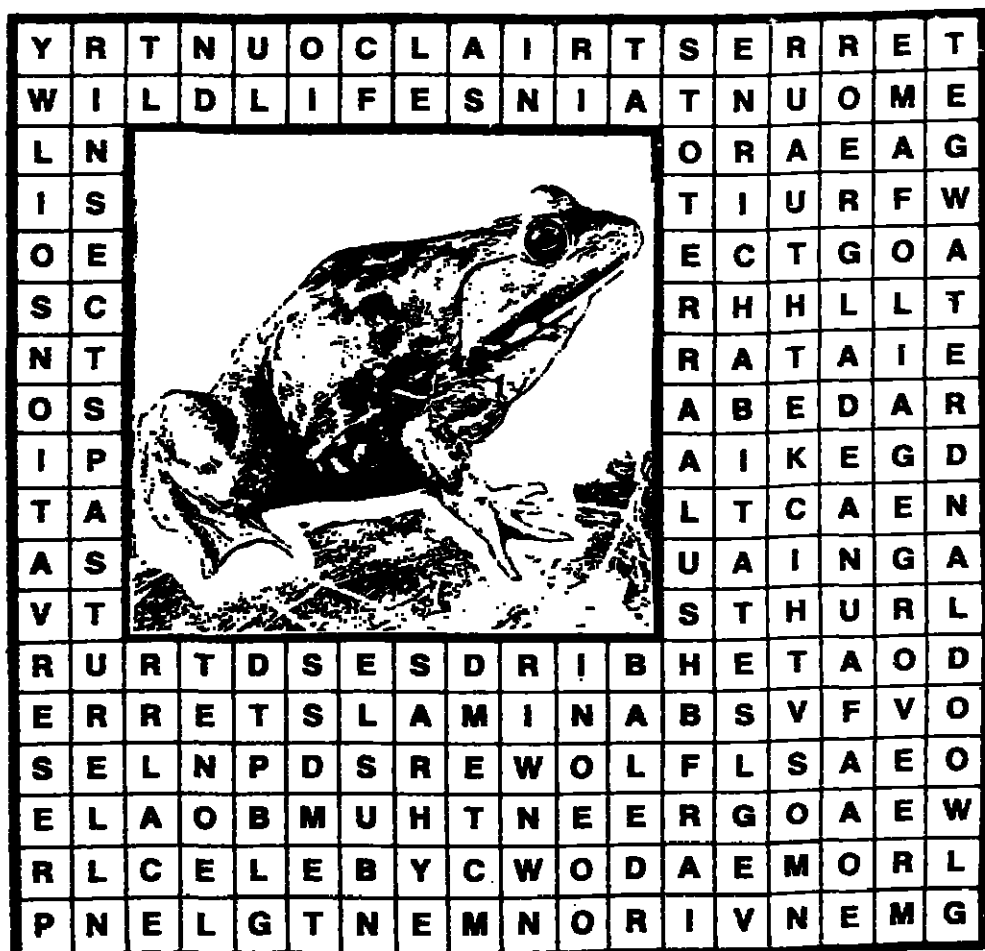
Why are fish so clever?

Because they live in schools! Lots of animals go around in groups. Can you match up the animals with the groups they live in?

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|-----------|--------|
| Ants | Hive |
| Clams | Gaggle |
| Bees | Band |
| Lions | Gang |
| Geese | Troop |
| Gorillas | Brood |
| Kangaroos | Bed |
| Toads | Colony |
| Pigs | Litter |
| Hens | Knot |
| Elks | Pride |

IN THE COUNTRY

ANIMALS	ENVIRONMENT	GROVE	PLANTS PRESERVATION
BIRDS	FAUNA	HABITAT	SOIL
BLOOM	FLOWERS	INSECTS	TERRA
COPE	FOLIAGE	LEAVES	TERRESTRIAL
COUNTRY	FRUIT	LUSH	THICKET
CYBELE	GAEA	MEADOW	TREE
DELL	GLADE	MOUNTAINS	WATER
EARTH	GLEN	PASTURE	WILDLIFE
	GRASS		WOODLAND
	GREEN THUMB		



Clue: Where fruit grows (7 letters)



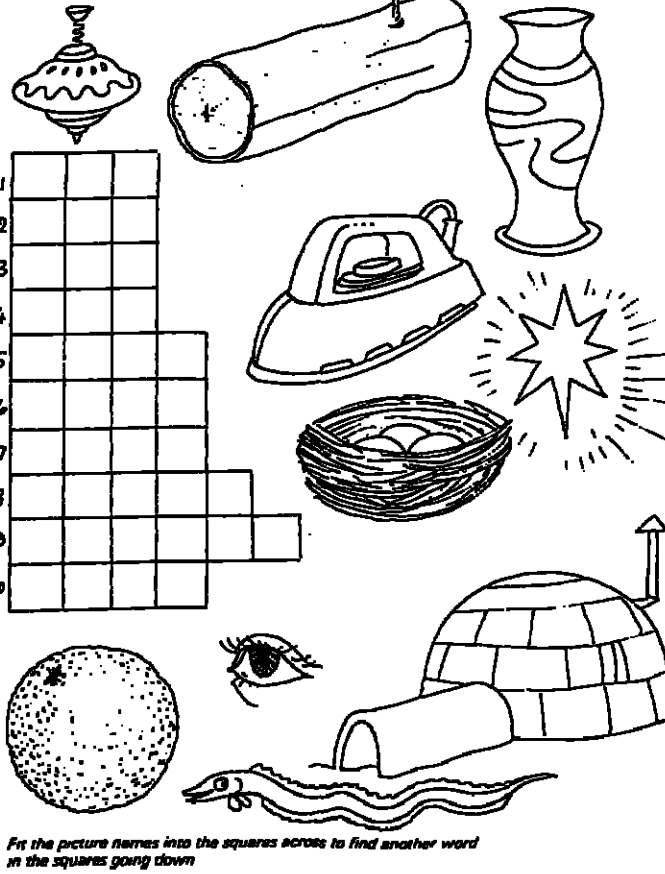
"I'm studying ancient history. 'So am I? Let's get together and talk over old times.'"

SHE: Now that we're engaged I hope you will give me a ring.
HE: Of course, what's your telephone number?

What birds are always unhappy?
Bluebirds.

What happened to the wolf who fell into the washing machine?
He became a wash-and-wear wolf.

Place the words



Fit the picture names into the squares across to find another word in the squares going down

ARAB TIMES Classifieds

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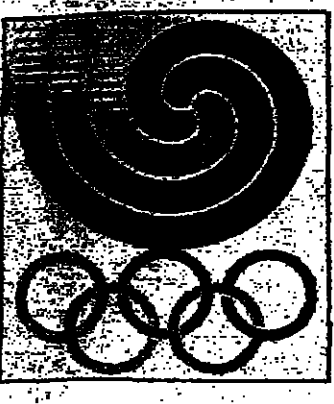


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SPORTS



Golden glory turns to dust for Johnson

SEOUL, Sept. 28, (Reuters): Sponsors of disgraced Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson pulled down posters and cancelled contracts around the world as the millionaire's glory turned to dust.

From Tokyo to Treviso, firms abandoned the man who became the hottest property in sport last Saturday with his world record win in the Olympic 100 metres.

Three days later, he fled Seoul in disgrace after being found to have taken muscle-building drugs. The dope test that destroyed his athletic career could cost him up to \$10 million.

Italian sportswear firm Diadora, which signed a \$2.8 million deal with Johnson last February, cancelled the five-year package that had been hailed as the biggest sponsorship contract ever agreed in athletics.

Diadora, which also sponsors the Italian national soccer team, had used Johnson to promote its grey and yellow running shoes, track suits and vests.

Johnson's sponsorship contracts paid a bonus for an Olympic gold medal but also contained doping clauses that gave firms the right to opt out. Many did so with alacrity.

Japan's Kyodo Oil Co. Ltd. rapidly withdrew all television and commercial advertisements featuring Johnson.

Deal

Mazda Motor Corp., which had named Johnson its athlete of 1986 and 1987, used to give him a sports car each year. It has withdrawn from a sponsorship deal due for renewal in December.

The Johnson and Johnson Company, makers of everything from baby powder to furniture polish, had a 1988 contract with Johnson - but quickly began removing product posters featuring the Canadian.

A Finnish advertising campaign that used Johnson to stress that milk was good for you was quickly axed. The promotion was aimed mainly at young people.

Sports officials in Johnson's hometown of Toronto were worried that the fall from grace of the muscle-packed sprinter might threaten the Canadian city's chances of hosting the 1996 Olympic Games.

The runner's picture is prominently displayed in publicity booklets that promote the city's bid. They will probably be getting new covers now, Toronto officials said.

At 26, Johnson was basking in the glow of the world's admiration, awaiting delivery of a custom-made \$250,000 Ferrari sports car and returning to a newly built one-million dollar home in Toronto.

But the doping scandal has given a hollow ring to his ebullient post-race comment on Saturday: "The gold medal is the most important thing. Anybody can break a world record but the gold medal is mine."

All that remained in his Seoul hotel room were fast-fading bouquets of flowers and back home in deeply disillusioned Canada, a newspaper columnist encapsulated everyone's disbelief: "Oh Ben, say it ain't so."

THOMPSON FACES DEFEAT IN DECATHLON

DeLoach takes Lewis' 200 metres title

SEOUL, Sept. 28, (Reuters): Carl Lewis lost his Olympic 200 metres title to training partner Joe DeLoach today and Daley Thompson faced defeat in the decathlon as the heroes of the Los Angeles Games made way for another generation.

Lewis and Thompson were the supermen of the athletics competition four years ago.

Lewis breezed to four gold medals in 1984 while Thompson confirmed his status as the greatest decathlete in history with his second Olympic title to follow one world, one European and two Commonwealth crowns.

Now Lewis has been beaten in both sprint events, only retaining the 100 metres title by default when Canadian Ben Johnson was stripped off the gold medal after being positively dope tested.

Disciplines

Thompson lay only third after the first day of competition after recording two of his worst ever marks in five of the 10 disciplines.

Lewis, 27, relinquished his title gracefully.

He congratulated his friend and rival then told a news conference he expected to compete again next year.

But he added: "After that I will evaluate on a year-to-year basis."

The American was asked: "Is this the end of an era?"

"No I don't think so," he replied. "Looking at the overall situation sprinters are improving, it's not a new era."

DeLoach, 21, paid tribute to Lewis.

"Carl has been an inspira-

tion," he said. "He's been there to help and inspire me. He's an amazing athlete, perhaps the best sprinter in history."

Thompson outwardly was the same confident, cocky figure who has dominated the decathlon for most of the past decade.

But the 30-year-old Briton looked decidedly lacklustre despite setting the fastest time in the opening 100 metres.

His performances in the long jump and closing 400 metres race were a measure of just how far Thompson has declined in the past two years.

His long jump of 7.38 metres was his worst for 11 years and his 400 metres time of 49.06 seconds his slowest since 1976. East German sports student Christian Schenk leads the event with France's Christian Plaziat second.

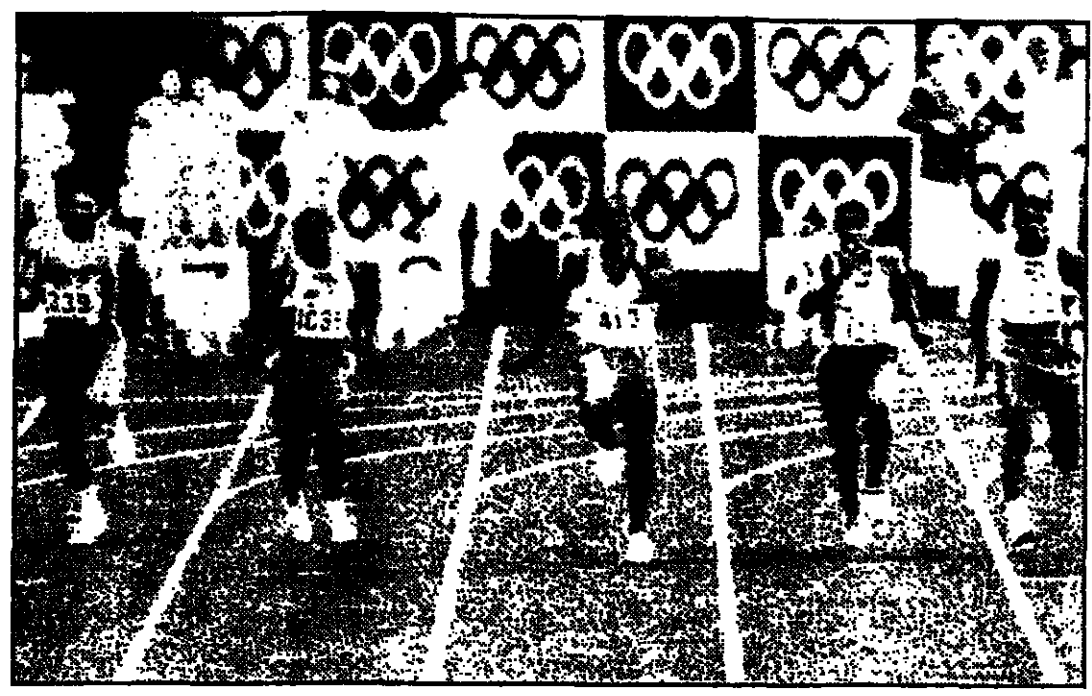
DeLoach's victory was not entirely unexpected. The 21-year-old Texan university student had the advantage of being able to concentrate on only one event here.

Another Lewis, 19-year-old Steve who is not related to Carl, provided the real upset of the day when he held off world record holder Butch Reynolds to win the men's 400 title.

Lewis became only the fifth man to break the 44-second barrier when he clocked 43.87 seconds to lead an American medal sweep.

The other two gold medals decided today went to Australian Debbie Flintoff-King, in the women's 400 metres hurdles and Soviet Sergei Bubka in the pole vault.

Flintoff-King came from third



DeLoach (2nd left) holds off Lewis (extreme right) and Silva (2nd right) to take the 200 metres title.

on the final barrier to snatch victory on the line from Soviet Tatyana Ledovskaia.

Bubka led a Soviet medal sweep with an Olympic record 5.90 metres then asked for the bar to be raised to 6.10, the 20-foot barrier.

He stood for at least two minutes lining up his vault but then decided against it.

"I had problems with the wind and because of that difficulties in my run-up," Bubka said.

West Germany, taking their fourth equestrian title edged out the United States, the defending

champions, for the gold medal in the team show jumping competition.

Joe Fargis, 1984 champion in the individual event, rode Mill Pearl clear in the last ride of the day to give the Americans the silver ahead of France, who made sure of the bronze when Pierre Durand went clear on Jappeloup.

Britain, silver medalists in Los Angeles, finished a disappointing sixth behind Canada, helped by a clear round by Ian Millar on Big Ben, and the Netherlands.

West Germany set themselves

up for the gold in the first round when Frank Sloothak on Walzerkoenig and Ludger Beerbaum, riding the freak, both went clear, though Beerbaum picked up a 0.25 time penalty.

France finished the Olympic regatta as the only country with two gold medals, underlining the relative weakness of the United States and the Eastern Bloc in sailing at these Games.

European nations took six of the eight golds on offer in an Olympic regatta in which most races were hit by strong winds and tides.

Kerly takes Britain past Australia

SEOUL, Sept. 28, (Reuters): A brilliant hat-trick by centre forward Sean Kerly, including the winner three minutes from the end, gave Britain a 3-2 semifinal win over top seeds Australia in the Olympic men's hockey tournament today.

It was Britain's first win over Australia, the World Cup holders, since the bronze medal match at the 1984 Los Angeles Games.

Champions

Britain, the second seeds, will play West Germany, who beat European champions the Netherlands 2-1 in the other semifinal, in next Saturday's final.

It will be West Germany's second successive final - they lost 2-1 to Pakistan in the Los Angeles final - but Britain's first for 40 years.

Britain have moved up a gear since they lost 2-1 to West Germany in their third group match here. They played a fine tactical game and Kerly's first two goals gave them a 2-0 lead in 45 minutes.

Australia bounced back immediately with a goal straight

from the restart by Mark Hager. Hager then set up the equaliser scored by Neil Hawgood after 55 minutes.

But Britain remained calm and Kerly exchanged passes with substitute Kulbir Bhaura before hitting the winner with three minutes left.

West Germany trailed against the Netherlands in the first semifinal when Jan-Hidde Kruize snapped up an early goal.

The Germans equalised through Stefan Blocher at the start of the second half. Blocher later staggered off the field after taking the full force of a Bovalander short corner shot in the face.

His substitute, Michael Hilgers, set up the winning goal for right winger Thomas Reck after 48 minutes.

Pakistan, the Los Angeles champions, and India, who have won the Olympic title eight times, will play off for fifth place on Friday.

In their first classification matches on Wednesday Pakistan defeated the Soviet Union 1-0 while India beat Argentina after a 6-6 draw. The match was



Sean Kerly decided by penalties, India winning 4-3 after the first series was drawn 3-3.

tournament for the game's top six national teams.

Pakistan's only goal against the Soviet Union was a penalty corner conversion by Qazi Mohib.

Australia's failure to make the final means the top seeds in both the men's and women's competition are reduced to playing off for the bronze medals.

The Australian men will play the Netherlands on Saturday, while the Dutch women, the Olympic and World Cup champions, meet Britain on Friday.

Paying tribute to Kerly, Australian coach Richard Aggiss said: "It is a sure sign of a class forward when he scores goals in the big games."

Substituted

His British counterpart David Whitaker said: "If we get the gold medal, it will have been done the hard way after our earlier lapses."

Saddest figure of the day was Richard Charlesworth, the former Australian captain. He had to be substituted after pulling a muscle and is an unlikely starter in the bronze medal match.

Lets work to get Johnson back on track, says Lewis

SEOUL, Sept. 28, (Reuters): Carl Lewis expressed sadness today at the downfall of his great rival Ben Johnson and urged fellow athletes to work towards the Canadian's rehabilitation.

Lewis, answering questions for the first time since Johnson was stripped of his 100 metres gold medal yesterday, said people should feel compassion for the world champion.

Supported

"As far as the situation of the last two days is concerned, I feel very sad for Ben and very sad for the Canadian public who have supported him tremendously," Lewis said.

"Ben is a great athlete and I hope he can get himself back together over the next two years and work towards coming back to competition."

"Let's concentrate on getting back into the sport and get him back clean."

"It's not fair to keep badgering the situation. He's a human being going through a lot of stress. It's a situation that has happened and I feel bad about it," he added.

Lewis, who said he had no personal dealings with Johnson outside competition, was speaking after coming second behind compatriot Joe DeLoach in the 200 metres final.

Lewis, who came second behind Johnson in the 100 metres, will receive the gold medal on Saturday, but there will be no special ceremony. It will be handed over in the office of the International Amateur Athletic Federation president at the Olympic stadium.

Asked if he was angry about what had happened, Lewis said: "I do not feel angry. You go into competition to perform at your best and that's the way things go."

Lewis was asked about comments about drug-taking he made after the 1987 World Championships in Rome, when he came second to Johnson in the 100 metres.

"My comments were not focussed on Ben, I was talking about the general problem in sport."

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S. Korean win shocks home fans

SEOUL, Sept. 28, (Reuters): South Korean featherweight (57 kg) Lee Jae-Hyuk reached the Olympic boxing semifinals today with a unanimous points win that shocked even the most vociferous home fans.

Poland's Tomasz Nowak appeared to have the fight sewn up long before a final round push rocked the South Korean back on his heels.

But the five judges disagreed with virtually everybody in the arena and Lee's hand was raised amid a mixture of weak cheers, boos and gasps of disbelief.

The dejected Pole, who appeared to have landed most of

the telling punches, and his trainers rushed angrily from the ring-side.

Romanian featherweight Daniel Dumitrescu proved too strong for Regilio Tuur, dazing the Dutchman in the final round with a two-fisted onslaught that forced a standing count shortly before the final bell.

Judged

Dumitrescu, Romania's only quarterfinalist, was judged a 5-0 winner and will meet Lee in tomorrow's semifinals.

In other featherweight bouts Liu Dong of China lasted only two minutes 18 seconds against

Morocco's Abdelhak Achik, who floored him with a right hook flush on the chin.

Liu had scored China's first-ever Olympic boxing wins in earlier rounds.

Achik's semifinal opponent will be Italy's Giovanni Parisi who soaked up several heavy punches from Israeli Jacob Shamuel in the first round before dominating the remainder of the fight.

Parisi, who scored a shock win over Russian Mikhail Kazaryan in a third-round fight, danced and jabbed his way to a unanimous points victory.

Sailor rewarded for rescue

PUSAN, Sept. 28, (Reuters): Canadian yachtsman Lawrence Lemieux did not win a race in Pusan but he will go home with an Olympic prize for rescuing a fellow sailor who had fallen overboard.

"I'm still trying to work out why this is happening," Lemieux said today after receiving an award from Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee.

"I'm not sure what it is," Lemieux said of the award - about the size of an Olympic medal bearing the Seoul Olympic logo.



Daniel Majerca (12) goes for a basket against Soviet Union's Sabonis (left). (Reuters wirephoto)

Mecir stuns Edberg for final against Mayotte



Edberg wears a dejected look after his defeat. (Reuters wirephoto)

SEOUL, Sept. 28, (Reuters): Miloslav Mecir, avenging his semifinal defeat at Wimbledon, wiped out Stefan Edberg's hopes of Olympic gold today and set himself up for a final against American Tim Mayotte.

Czechoslovak Mecir beat Edberg, the top seed, 3-6 6-0 1-6 6-4 6-2 in a semifinal which saw erratic patches from both men.

Cool

Mayotte, the second seed in the Olympic tournament, had a more comfortable time, keeping a cool head to wipe out temperamental team-mate Brad Gilbert 6-4 6-4 6-3.

Edberg, who came back from two sets down to beat Mecir in the Wimbledon semifinals on his way to winning the championship, looked to be on top form in the opening set, volleying faultlessly and worrying Mecir into several crucial errors.

But once ahead the Swedish world number three, who like Gilbert was left with a bronze medal, was unable to keep his concentration and served wildly in the second and fourth sets.

The final two sets both opened

with a battle for control. Mecir broke Edberg with a backhand pass in the first game of the fourth which went seven times to deuce but the Swede saved two breakpoints to hold his serve at the start of the fifth set.

Mecir, who had lost to Edberg three times this year, broke the Swede to go 3-2 ahead on a disputed line call and won the next three games for the match.

Edberg, who has been unhappy with his form throughout the tournament, was upset about the line call. "I was positive the ball was out," he said. "It was a very important point."

Mayotte maintained his clean sheet against Gilbert - five wins to none - despite several threatening bursts of energy from his Californian team-mate.

Gilbert fought back from 5-0 down in the opening set to reach 5-4 after Mayotte double faulted to give him the advantage in the ninth game.

But Gilbert, like Edberg, was inconsistent. He hit a forehand into the net to give Mayotte the first set and lost the second on a break against him when he was

unable to reach a backhand service return.

Gilbert, who has played with his ankle strapped since surgery in May, saved one mismatchpoint when Mayotte mispassed a volley. But Mayotte, 28, was unperturbed and calmly served an ace to seal his victory.

Mayotte said Olympic gold would be the biggest prize he had ever aimed for. "On Friday I am going to have to serve a little better," he said. "There will be lots of rallies from the back court. I am going to have to be pretty versatile."

But Mecir, who lost to Mayotte in their only meeting - an exhibition match 18 months ago - was determined to give Czechoslovakia a gold medal.

Biggest

"We are a small country and in Czechoslovakia the Olympic Games is the biggest sports event so winning is the best thing I could do for them," he said.

Gilbert, however, saw no glory in having reached the semifinals. Asked if his bronze medal gave him any consolation, he replied curtly: "Absolutely zero."

Soviets and Yugoslavs reach basketball final

SEOUL, Sept. 28, (Reuters): The Soviet Union taught the talented college all-stars of the US Olympic team a lesson in basketball today.

They knocked out the younger, less experienced US team by 82-76 to qualify for a gold medal game against European rivals Yugoslavia, 91-70 winners over Australia.

Crucial

The Soviets handled the pressing US defence with sharp passing, hit crucial shots from outside, got a big game out of centre Arvidas Sabonis and were undisturbed by last-minute pressure.

Their triumph marked only the second time a US team had lost an Olympic game in 87 contests. They were the previous conquerors of the American Olympic team in the 1972 Munich final.

But this defeat hurt US pride more than the 51-50 result at

Munich, where many of the Americans thought they were robbed of the gold during a bizarre and confusing finish.

There could be no excuses at the Chamsil gymnasium today. The Soviets beat the Americans hands down to avenge their one-point loss in the last World Championship final.

Yugoslavia, led by the three-point shooting of guard Drazen Petrovic, who scored 24 points, and the rebounding of their big frontline, improved their record to 5-1, the same as the Soviet squad.

Yugoslavia lost narrowly to the Russians in the last European and World Championships.

But the Yugoslavs, who beat the Soviet Union 92-79 in their opening game in Seoul, have won four of their last five games against them.

The US team goes for consolation bronze in a match against the Australians tomorrow.

OLYMPIC NOTEBOOK

Graf's hopes

STEFFI GRAF'S hopes of two Olympic gold medals ended on the centre court yesterday when she and doubles partner Claudia Kohde-Kilsch were beaten in straight sets. The West German pair, seeded second, went out 7-5 6-3 to Czechoslovaks Jana Novotna and Helena Sukova in their semifinal.

Waldo ahead

WORLD champion Carolyn Waldo gained a commanding lead over defending US Olympic champion Tracie Ruiz-Conforto in yesterday's synchronised swimming compulsory figures.

Johnson silent

DISGRACED Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson returned home on Tuesday to consider a future without an Olympic gold medal, a chance of a berth on the national team or any lucrative endorsement contracts. The scandal sparked a government inquiry and fear among Canadian athletics officials of losing corporate sponsorship. Johnson has refused to answer any questions so far.

Top bookmakers

TWO of Britain's leading bookmakers decided on Tuesday that Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson's shock disqualification for drug-taking should not cost the bettors who had backed him.

Edwin Moses

HURDLER Edwin Moses said on Tuesday athletes would continue to use performance-enhancing drugs because they believed they could hide evidence of such use from testers.

World record

KIM SOO-NYUNG of South Korea set a world record for 50 metres archery when she scored 336 points at the Olympics yesterday. She broke the three-year-old record of 335 points held by Yansima Tyrenshapova of the Soviet Union.

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Fencing gold

WEST GERMANY won the gold medal in women's team foil at the Olympic fencing tournament yesterday, defeating Italy 9-5. Italy won silver while Hungary took the bronze by easily beating the Soviet Union 9-2.

US swimmers

TWO US Olympic swimmers, arrested for stealing a stationer's head from a Seoul night club, are unlikely to be charged, state radio said yesterday.

Olympic song

SALES of the song "Hand in Hand," official Olympic theme for the Seoul Games, have topped one million worldwide, Games organisers said yesterday. The song, performed by the group Koreana, is ranked Number One in the hit parades of Switzerland, Hong Kong and South Korea.

Kayak final

NEW ZEALAND's extrovert world champion Paul Macdonald powered his way into the kayak 1,500 metres final at the Olympic canoeing competition yesterday.

IOC determined

BEN JOHNSON'S disqualification shows the International Olympic Committee (IOC) is determined to catch big fish along with the minnows in its drug-testing net. IOC spokeswoman Michele Verdier said yesterday.

World cycling

THE triumphant return of the Soviet Union and East Germany to the Olympic Games has destroyed any illusion of US power in world cycling.

Judo gold

WALDEMAR LEGIEN of Poland yesterday captured the gold medal in the 78-kilo judo competition in the Seoul Olympics, beating Frank Wiecek of West Germany. Wiecek, the gold medalist at the Los Angeles Olympics, earned the silver.

Top coverage

SOUTH KOREAN television has given top coverage to the arrest of two drunken American Olympic swimmers in apparent retaliation for what many local people have called the double standards of the American NBC network.

BASEBALL
ROUNDUPBlue Jays
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Red Sox

NEW YORK, Sept. 28. (AP)—Boston's Red Sox still lead Detroit, New York and Milwaukee by 3 1/2 games with five left to play, but after being pounded by Toronto Blue Jays a second straight night, they can't be blamed for worrying.

"We gotta go out there tomorrow and show a little character," Boston reliever Bob Stanley said. "We have to show we can come back after getting beat up two games in a row."

Ernie Whitford drove in six runs with two homers and a single in Toronto's 15-9 victory over Boston last night. Whitford, who spent six years in the Boston farm system, couldn't help enjoying his role in slowing the Red Sox's title drive.

"We're out of the race, but we're still trying to finish as high as we can. And it's nice to play spoiler."

Elsewhere, it was New York 5, Baltimore 1; Cleveland 4, Detroit 0; Minnesota 5, Oakland 0; Chicago 3, Texas 2; Seattle 10, Kansas City 3, and Milwaukee 6, California 5.

Yankees 5, Orioles 1
New York got two homers from Don Mattingly and seven strong innings from Ron Guidry to pull into a tie for second place in the AL East. Mattingly connected in the first and third innings and Guidry improved to 2-3 with his longest outing of the year.

Indians 4, Tigers 0
Tom Candiotti won his sixth straight decision, a career high, and pitched his first shutout of the season as Cleveland prevented Detroit from gaining ground on the Red Sox. Candiotti, 13-8, allowed four hits, struck out four and walked two for his 11th complete game of the year. Frank Tanana, 14-11, allowed nine hits in 7 1/3 innings.

Brewers 6, Angels 5
Don August also won his sixth straight decision and Milwaukee held off a ninth-inning California rally to keep its faint title hopes alive. August, 13-6, allowed seven hits in 6 1/3 innings. The Angels have lost eight straight.

Cubs 5, Expos 3
Calvin Schiraldi is used to pitching in Chicago's Wrigley Field, where the winds often roar, so the quiet hum of the air-conditioning in Montreal's Olympic stadium can be unsettling.

Yesterday, he found it both a help and a hindrance in the Chicago Cub's 5-3 victory over the Expos.

"The wind doesn't blow out here like it does at Wrigley Field," he said. "You can afford to give up those 400-foot (122-metre) fly balls, and I gave up some tonight."

But, he said, "I struggled in the sixth, seventh and eighth. I sweat a lot and it gets pretty chilly here with the air-conditioning, and my arm stiffened up."

Schiraldi scattered eight hits over 8 1/3 innings to end a five-game losing streak and Mark Grace drove in two runs last night as the Chicago Cubs beat the Montreal Expos 5-3.

Schiraldi, 9-13, struck out four and walked two before Rich Gossage finished for his 13th save, allowing a run-scoring groundout to Tim Lincecum.

In other games, Pittsburgh beat St. Louis 3-2, Philadelphia beat New York 5-4, Houston beat Atlanta 3-2 in 10 innings, San Diego beat Los Angeles 8-4 and San Francisco beat Cincinnati 6-3.

Pirates 3, Cardinals 2

Bobby Bonilla hit a two-run single and Andy van Slyke threw out the tying run at home plate with two outs in the ninth inning as Pittsburgh clinched second place in the National League East. Pittsburgh, 84-72, had not finished as high as second since 1983.

Carom tourney

THE Varca Trophy carom tournament will start on Oct. 7. The tournament is being organized by Thomas Fernandes at his residence, behind Holiday Inn. For further information contact Fernandes, Tel. 3261888 ext. 2259 between 9:00-14:30. Last date for entry is Oct. 5.

THE Dublin Bridge Tournament

starts at the Hilton Hotel at 7:30 pm on Monday, Oct. 5. The tournament will be held at the same time and day for 17 weeks.

YOUSUF AND QASIM HOLD OFF AUSTRALIA

Pakistan force draw in 2nd Test

FAISALABAD, Pakistan, Sept. 28. (Reuters)—Pakistan, happy to keep a 1-0 series lead, survived an early three-wicket burst by Australian fast bowler Bruce Reid to force a draw in the second cricket Test today.

Javed Miandad's men hung on until 45 minutes after lunch on the fifth and final day before declaring their second innings at 378 for nine, a lead of 373. Australia reached 67 for three before the two captains agreed to end the game 30 minutes after tea.

Series
Pakistan won the acrimonious first match in the three-Test series by an innings and 188 runs. The last Test starts in Lahore on Oct. 7.

The Pakistanis, 264 for three overnight, were initially jolted by Reid's spell with the second new ball. He captured three wickets in 13 deliveries, including an lbw decision against Miandad, only his fourth from a Pakistani umpire in Tests.

Gangling left-arm paceman Reid devastatingly removed Miandad (107), Salim Malik (10) and Ejaz Ahmed (0) at a cost of only two runs.

Tony Dodemaide chipped in

with the wicket of Tauseef Ahmed, and Pakistan were 274 for seven. But Saleem Yousuf and Iqbal Qasim put an end to any lingering Australian victory hopes with a 70-run partnership for the eighth wicket.

When Miandad finally declared, wicketkeeper Yousuf was not out 66, to go with his first innings 62. Pakistan ended with figures of four for 100.

Touring cricketers have frequently complained in recent years at the umpiring in Pakistan and have cited in particular the unwillingness of local umpires to give decisions against Miandad, the star Pakistani batsman.

The raised finger today belonged ironically to Mahboob Shah, who was accused publicly by Australian officials of partial umpiring in the first Test in Karachi, though defended by the Pakistani cricket board.

The decision against Miandad, playing in his 94th Test, will have brought little comfort to Australia. Shah turned down an extremely confident lbw appeal from Reid yesterday when Miandad had made only five.

By the time Miandad was finally given out, he had added



Yousuf: unbeaten 66

another 102 runs and the first match was effectively out of Australia's grasp. They could opt for little more than batting practice when they started their second innings.

Geoff Marsh misread a googly from Abdul Qadir and was bowled for nine. He was soon joined in the pavilion by David Boon, caught at silly mid-off off

Tauseef for 15. Steve Waugh continued his sequence of low scores when he was caught and bowled by Shoaib Mohammad for 19.

The two teams were due to travel to Gujranwala, north of Lahore, for the first of three one-day internationals on Friday. But heavy flooding in the area has put the venue in doubt and the match may be played in Faisalabad.

All-rounder Mudassar Nazar was a surprise omission from Pakistan's 15-man squad announced yesterday for the one-day match.

Mudassar's place has gone to Moin-ul-Atiq.

The squad, announced by senior selector Intikhab Alam, is: Rameez Raja, Moin-ul-Atiq, Shoaib Mohammad, Javed Miandad (captain), Salim Malik, Ejaz Ahmed, Aamer Malik, Saleem Yousuf, Abdul Qadir, Tauseef Ahmed, Salim Jaffer, Mohsin Kamal, Naveed Anjum, Manzoor Elahi and Anwar Miandad.

Scoreboard
PAKISTAN first innings 316 (Ejaz Ahmed 122, Saleem Yousuf 62, A. Dodemaide 4 for 87)

AUSTRALIA first innings 66 (Marsh 51, A. Boon 113 not out)

PAKISTAN second innings:

Mudassar Nazar c Border b May 27

Rameez Raja c Boon b Waugh 32

Shoaib Mohammad st Healy b May 74

Javed Miandad lbw b Reid 107

Salim Malik c Border b Reid 18

Ejaz Ahmed c Healy b Reid 0

Saleem Yousuf not out 66

Tauseef Ahmed c Waugh b Dodemaide 2

Iqbal Qasim b Reid 29

Abdul Qadir c Reid b May 13

Extras (lb-5 nb-13) 18

Total (nine wickets declared) 378

Fall of wickets: 1-64 2-64 3-236 4-264 5-265 6-269 7-274 8-344 9-378

Bowling: Reid 30-6-100-4, Dodemaide 20-4-49-1, Waugh 18-6-44-1, May 34-7-126-3, Sleep 13-4-51-0, Border 1-0-3-0.

AUSTRALIA second innings:

G. Marsh b Qadir 9

D. Boon c Mudassar b Tauseef 15

D. Jones not out 21

S. Waugh c and b Shoaib 19

C. Wood not out 12

Extras (b-1) 6

Total (three wickets) 67

Fall of wickets: 1-18 2-30 3-65

Bowling: Jaffer 2-0-8-9, Mudassar 2-0-5-0, Qadir 10-1-34-1, Tauseef 11-4-17-1, Shoaib 1-0-2-1.

Dark Lomond to race in France

LONDON, Sept. 28. (Reuters)—Dark Lomond, impressive winner of last Saturday's Irish St Leger, is a surprise entry for Sunday's Prix de L'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp, France.

After winning the Irish St Leger by three lengths on heavy ground at the Curragh, the three-year-old filly was not expected to run again. But owner Stavros Niarchos agreed to pay the £30,000 (\$49,500) supplementary entry fee and the horse was entered.

"We were pleased with her performance on Saturday and she's come out of the race well," stable secretary Dennis Hickey said.

Inform

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H. Gulani in action in his first round match of the 3rd Tennis Open, being organised by the Ministry of Electricity & Water, at the Ramada Al Salam tennis courts yesterday. Gulani moved into the next round with an easy win. The Ladies' round-12 competition starts today.

Soviets may take part in 1991 America's Cup

SAN DIEGO, Sept. 28. (Reuters)—The Soviet Union is considering making its first challenge for the America's Cup, a San Diego Yacht Club official said today.

Club commodore Douglas Alford said Michael Smirnov, a Soviet trade official in Washington, had telephoned him recently to inquire how Soviet yacht clubs could file challenges to sail in the next Cup regatta, scheduled for 1991.

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The filing deadline to be included in the 1991 races is this November 8. Nine challengers have already filed their intentions and Ehman said he expected at least another six.

On file as of yesterday were two notices from Australia, one from France, four from Britain, one from Sweden and one from Japan, Ehman said.

Ehman said the Soviets will be invited to the challenger meetings in Southampton next month, where the boat design for the next Cup challenge will be discussed, as well as to the International Yacht Racing Union meetings in London in November, where the new yacht design will be put to a vote.

On the question of possible security problems caused by a Soviet presence in San Diego, a port city with a heavy US Navy presence, Ehman told Reuters:

"We have touched base with the state department and they were obviously concerned about security but didn't foresee any problems arising from a yacht race in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. This is one more thing to make organising the event more interesting next time around."

England try to keep Indian tour alive

LONDON, Sept. 28. (Agencies)—England's cricket officials yesterday decided to give their Indian counterparts six more days to save this winter's scheduled tour, which is in doubt because of India's refusal to allow entry to eight Englishmen who have played in South Africa.

The executive committee of England's Test and County Cricket Board was widely expected to call off the tour and end three weeks of speculation.

Stance

Instead it gave Indian cricket chiefs the chance to change its stance over England's selection of the eight players with South

African connections.

In an anti-apartheid move, the Indian government said it would not grant visas to the eight English officials countered by saying they would not change the 16-strong touring party.

After its meeting yesterday the TCCB threw the ball back to the Board of Cricket Control in India.

In a statement, the TCCB said: "In view of the conditions on the issue of visas imposed by the Indian government and supported by the Board of Control for Cricket in India, we regret that, unless the BCCI can resolve the problem forthwith, we must

deem that the India board has withdrawn the invitation to tour as visas are not available to all members of the selected touring team."

"This message has been relayed to the BCCI by telex and a response requested by not later than noon on October 3."

Row

The eight English players at the centre of the row are captain Graham Gooch, batsmen Allan Lamb, Robert Bailey, Kim Barnett and Tim Robinson, and bowlers John Emburey, Graham Dilley and Phil Newport.

Meanwhile, star batsman

Pernfors blasts Nelson in Grand Prix opener

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 28. (Reuters)—Mikael Pernfors of Sweden, who won his first Grand Prix title in Los Angeles on Sunday, continued in confident form in the \$415,000 San Francisco Grand Prix tennis tournament yesterday.

Pernfors, seeded fourth, easily won his first round match over unseeded American Todd Nelson, 6-3, 6-2.

Upset

But Mark Woodforde, the eighth seeded Australian, was upset by American Johan Kriek, 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 in a reversal of their match a week ago in Los Angeles.

In another first round match that was a repeat of their encounter in Los Angeles, San Francisco defending champion, Peter Lundgren of Sweden went down 7-5, 6-4 to fifth seeded American David Pate. Lundgren, who has suffered a mediocre year, was

unseeded.

Pernfors used his lob and passing shots to good effect against Nelson, who likes to serve and volley but who struggled to control his shots.

After trailing 4-1 in the first set, Nelson ripped a series of winners to score his only break against Pernfors' serve.

His comeback was short-lived. Pernfors broke Nelson for the set 6-3, then raced away with the second set 6-2, breaking Nelson again for the match as the American double-faulted.

Surface

Pernfors said he had no problems adjusting to the indoor carpet surface from last week's hard courts.

"I feel comfortable on this surface," Pernfors said. "I like the low bouncing ball. I was mostly afraid if I was mentally ready or not but I had no problems."

Davis cues up for Masters final

WORLD champion Steve Davis came through a tense semi-final clash with Willie Thorne last night to put himself into the final of the Dubai Duty Free Masters.

Davis showed why he is the favourite for the £25,000 first prize with a typically professional performance against Thorne, the world number 13. Davis took the opening frame of the nine frame match 90-21 before Thorne struck back in the second with a break of 79 to level the scores at 1-1.

Highest

Davis regained the lead in the third frame, winning 75-16, before stretching his advantage to 3-1 with two breaks of 47 and 39. This seemed to spur Thorne on and he returned after the interval to pot the highest break of the tournament — 107 — and cut back the deficit to one frame.

But that was the end of Thorne's challenge, and Davis took the next two frames to clinch his place in the final of the Dubai Duty Free Masters.

Everton score easy victory over Bury

LONDON, Sept. 28. (Reuters)—Still jittery after two successive League losses, First Division Everton broke away with three second half goals to beat Bury 3-0 in their English League Cup second round first leg match yesterday.

Beaten by Millwall and Luton in their last two League matches, Everton lacked the self-assurance of former times — until Graeme Sharp stretched out a leg to turn in Adrian Heath's cross in the 51st minute.

Neil McDonald with a penalty two minutes later and Neil McCall in the 80th minute made it a decisive victory over the Third Division side.

Results

English Football League Cup second round, first leg			
Barnsley	0	Wimbledon	2
Birmingham	0	Aston Villa	2
Blackburn	3	Brentford	1
Blackpool	2	Sheffield	0
Bournemouth	0	Coventry	4
Darlington	2	Oldham	0
Everton	3	Bury	0
Leyton	1	Stoke	2
Luton	1	Burnley	1
Millwall	3	Gillingham	0
Northampton	1	Charlton	1
Notts County	1	Tottenham	1
Peterborough	1	Leeds	2
Portsmouth	2	Sheff Wed	2
Scarbrough	2	Chelsea	1
Sheff U	3	Newcastle	0
Sheff Wed	4	Newcastle	0
Sunderland	0	West Ham	3
Swindon	1	Crystal P	2
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Dundee U	0	Rangers	1
Hamilton	0	Aberdeen	1

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